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Subject: 2015 Session _ Week Three
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March 24, 2015

Dear friends,

The third week of the 2015 Legislative Session has come to a close. I believe a number of important steps were taken throughout the week to improve the great State of Florida. House Committees continued to hear, debate, and vote on important policy issues. This week, various budget proposals were discussed in their respective appropriations subcommittees, and the Appropriations Committee released a \$76.1 billion budget proposal for the 2015-16 Fiscal Year. This is the beginning of an extensive process that will conclude with the Legislature passing a balanced budget.

For a personal glimpse at my week, please read my weekly letter to the editor [Letter to the Editor-Week 3](#).

I am back in Tallahassee now for week four of Session. Below are some highlights from last week.

Week 3 of Session

The House passed several notable bills this week. House Bill 7069 relating to Education Accountability by Chair O'Toole passed unanimously. This bill is part of the Speaker's Work Plan 2015 and addresses legitimate concerns about the amount of testing in Florida's schools without retreating from accountability. House Bill 7001 by Chair Trujillo will help protect children and other victims by making it legal for victims of sexual and/or physical abuse to intercept and record an abuser without the abuser's consent and have that communication used as evidence in court.

As we go into our fourth week of the 2015 Session, I look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to work towards solving the challenges facing our state. I will continue to keep you up-to-date with periodic newsletters letting you know about bills under consideration and any new laws that are passed. As always, thank you for your confidence in my service. It is an honor and a privilege to serve our district in Tallahassee.

House Begins Discussion of 2015-16 Budget

The sole constitutional obligation of the Legislature is to annually pass a balanced budget. This week, each appropriations subcommittee proposed their yearly budgets, which are used to build the Fiscal Year 2015-16 House budget. This process allows each subcommittee budget to be presented to the public, discussed and debated by members, and fully evaluated. Building on the work done by the appropriations subcommittees, the Appropriations Committee released a draft \$76.1 billion budget proposal for consideration on Friday.

I believe the House is off to a good start in producing a fiscally responsible budget that addresses our state's critical needs. I look forward to continuing to work on this important issue in the weeks ahead.

Strengthening K-12 Education Accountability

This week, the Florida House strengthened our K-12 education system by unanimously passing House Bill 7069 relating to Education Accountability. The bill addresses legitimate concerns about student testing while maintaining a strong accountability system that promotes quality instruction in the classroom, increasing transparency to provide clear and consistent information, and maximizing flexibility for our local school districts.

HB 7069 is a broad bill that includes many important reforms. The bill eliminates unnecessary and duplicative state and district assessments by repealing the statewide, standardized 11th grade English language arts (ELA) assessment, repealing the required administration of the Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (PERT) to high school students, removing prescriptive remediation and progress monitoring requirements, and prohibiting the administration of final exams in addition to statewide, standardized end of course (EOC) assessments.

To read more about the bill please visit this link [House Bills](#).

In my opinion, these reforms will strengthen both our schools and our accountability system, so our students continue to receive a first-rate education that prepares them to succeed in today's world.

Visitors to the Office

Each week, I am honored to meet with visitors from throughout the District and the State. If you plan to be in Tallahassee and wish to stop by, please contact my office at 850-717-5011 to schedule a meeting.

Your Opinion Counts!

I am interested in your views on the issues. To date there have been hundreds of responses to my survey. There is still time to complete it and your opinion is needed as we approach the mid-way point of session. Survey Link: www.janetadkinssurvey.com.

If you or your child is having problems with the standardized testing, I also would like for you to e-mail your issues at janet.adkins@myfloridahouse.gov. I am monitoring these issues closely and want to ensure we are helpful to you and your family.



Visitors to Tallahassee

Firefighter Memorial

This memorial outside the Florida Capitol recognizes 181 firefighters killed in the line of duty.

The memorial, in the shadow of the House Office Building, features knee-high walls with firefighters' names etched in the top. Its construction began in December.

It cost around \$400,000 and is being paid for with \$250,000 appropriated by the Legislature and the remainder from private donations.



OHPA Commissioner & Fire Fighter
Adam Salzburg

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as your Representative. As always, please reach out to me or my office with any concerns or issues.

Thank you and God bless you.



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March 16, 2015

Dear friends,

Week 2 of Session has come to a close. Committees continued to meet and discuss many issues that are important for our state, and the House passed several bills off the floor. As is customary, I have recapped the week in a letter to the editor. You may find a full copy of that letter in my Dropbox Folder [Letter to the Editor- Week Two](#)

As we move through the 2015 Session, I look forward to continuing to work on important issues on behalf of our state. I believe we are making great progress, but there is more work to do.

I am back in Tallahassee now for week three of Session. Below is a recap from last week.

WEEK TWO

House Sets Florida's 2016 Presidential Primary Date

Last week, the Florida House unanimously passed a bill that sets Florida's 2016 Presidential Preference Primary on March 15. This is the date allowed by both parties' rules that will give the political parties the most flexibility and encourage candidates to spend more time here talking to Floridians about issues that are important to our state.

As the third largest state in America, I believe our voters should have an important and meaningful role in the presidential nomination process. This date, in my opinion, benefits both major parties and maximizes the impact Florida voters will have on selecting the Republican and Democrat presidential nominees in 2016.

Local Bills

During my time in the legislature, I have made problem solving and local bills a key focus of my office. Each year we file what are called "local bills" to help create solutions to problems that are unique to the constituents in the district. These bills seek a law change that is specific and applies only to a local geographic area. We always ask the local municipality or local governing body for approval before taking up the measure.

All local bills are heard in the House committees; there are no Senate companions for the local bills. There is always a professional staff analysis posted on www.myfloridahouse.gov that will normally include the background and effect of the proposed change. Once the House Chamber has passed the local bill, it is brought up in the Senate Chamber for concurrence without going through the committee process.

Local House Bill 725 provides an exception for kiteboarding and kitesurfing in Huguenot Memorial Park. Atlantic Beach Commissioner Jimmy Hill drove over early Tuesday morning and testified in support of the local bill. I was pleased that there was no opposition to the proposed language and it passed unanimously with bipartisan support. The next committee to hear the bill will be the Business and Professions Subcommittee. It is on the agenda for March 17. Full details of the bill and the analysis are found on the Florida House website.

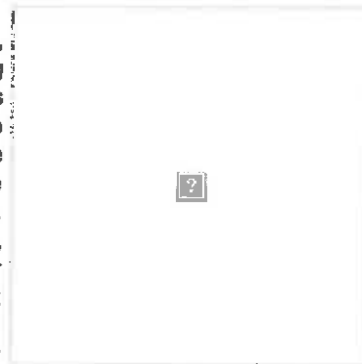
Education

Also last week, the House took a step toward strengthening our K-12 education accountability system by passing House Bill 7069 out of the Education Committee and Education Appropriations Subcommittee. The House and Senate's Work Plan 2015 joint agenda includes a review and evaluation of federal, state and local assessment requirements with the goal of maintaining a strong accountability system that effectively measures student learning and promotes quality instruction in the classroom. The bill increases transparency of accountability requirements so parents, students, teachers and taxpayers can have clear and consistent information and maximizes teacher, principal and school district flexibility to successfully implement our education accountability system.

The bill eliminates unnecessary and duplicative state and district assessments by repealing two tests currently given to high school students. The bill also prohibits the administration of final exams in addition to statewide, standardized end of course assessments and enhances district discretion regarding the administration of local assessments. In addition, the bill grants districts greater flexibility in evaluating the performance of their teachers and administrators by reducing the student performance and instructional practice evaluation components to one third each and streamlining evaluation system monitoring provisions.

Visitors

Typically, during the early stages of the legislative process, members are busy working in their committees and meeting with state agencies, lobbyists, trade associations, constituents from the district and interested stakeholders on bills they have filed. Because of the sheer numbers of people who wish to be heard and want to discuss or advocate for their issue, these meetings normally are scheduled in 15 minutes blocks of time. Sometimes these issues are bills, budget proposals, amendments or other problems affecting them, their communities or the people they represent. I have learned that leadership starts with listening and asking questions. When citizens take time to be engaged, it is important that their elected leaders pay attention to their concerns and look for solutions that might improve Florida.



**Maureen Kirschhofer
Cheryl Canzanella Goodell
NAIFA**

If you plan to come to Tallahassee with your group, please let us know we would like to welcome you and help make your trip meaningful. I always like to recognize visitors in the gallery when the House is in session, so please let me know so we can welcome you to the Florida House!

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as your Representative. As always, please reach out to me or my office with any concerns or issues.

Thank you and God bless you.



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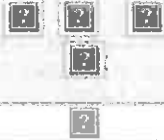
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April 13, 2015

Dear friends,

The sixth week of the 2015 Legislative Session has come to a close. Our focus in the House this week centered on tax cuts, education accountability, and conscience protections for child-placing agencies. We also welcomed two new members to the House, Representatives Paul Renner (R-Palm Coast) and Cyndi Stevenson (R-St. Augustine).

On Thursday, the House passed two bills included in our Work Plan 2015 joint legislative agenda. The first bill, House Bill 7141, is our #NoTaxIsSafe \$690 million tax cut package. This wide-ranging

proposal cuts numerous taxes on everything from cell phone and TV bills, to college textbooks, to property taxes, to taxes on our veterans and deployed military personnel. I believe these tax cuts will provide substantial savings to families and businesses and infuse more money directly into our economy to help create jobs.

The second Work Plan bill we passed, House Bill 7069, addresses concerns about student testing while maintaining a strong accountability system. I believe these reforms promote quality instruction in the classroom, increase transparency to provide clear and consistent information about student learning, and maximize flexibility for our local school districts.

The House also passed House Bill 7111, relating to conscience protection for private child-placing agencies. This bill will protect faith-based private adoption agencies from being compelled by the government to violate their written religious or moral convictions. In my view, private child-placing agencies have helped to build forever families and truly enriched the lives of many children in this state, and the protection provided by this legislation will help them continue to do so.

We are now at a point in Session where subcommittees and committees will meet less, and we will be spending more time on the House floor debating bills and voting on their final passage. I look forward to supporting good legislation that I believe will help the people of Florida in meaningful ways.

For more detail about my week, the aforementioned topics and other legislative updates, please read my [weekly Letter to the Editor](#).

It is an honor and a privilege to serve you in Tallahassee. For the full schedule of events for week 7, please visit the [House calendar](#).

Adkins Parental Choice 2



Rep. Adkins Addresses Committee

DISTRICT UPDATES

Port Roundtable

I have continued to receive concerns from local citizens regarding the Nassau County Ocean Highway and Port Authority. While the schedule is full and time is limited, it is important for me to listen carefully and to understand the concerns of the community. I have scheduled a "Port Roundtable" on Thursday, April 16 at 9am to take testimony and take a closer look at the issues surrounding the Port and the local community.

It is important that we have a successful Port that can help grow jobs and ensure the success of our community. It is also necessary that we have balance in how local residents and the community priorities are managed in this important relationship. While legislators have limited oversight of the ports (as this is largely left to the elected Port Commissioners), we can listen and look for ways to be helpful in ensuring we find solutions to our challenges in a fair and balanced manner.

Citizens can meet with me in Tallahassee in my office at 313 House Office Building at 402 S. Monroe Street or can attend via teleconference from my office at 905 8th Street in Fernandina Beach. This will be an opportunity for individuals to share their thoughts and concerns regarding the Fernandina Port. If you wish to attend and have a handout to share, please email it to me prior to the roundtable at janet.adkins@myfloridahouse.gov

Satellite Hours

Staff will be available both in our office and in satellite locations to service constituents throughout the district. Please see our monthly calendar for our satellite locations and times.



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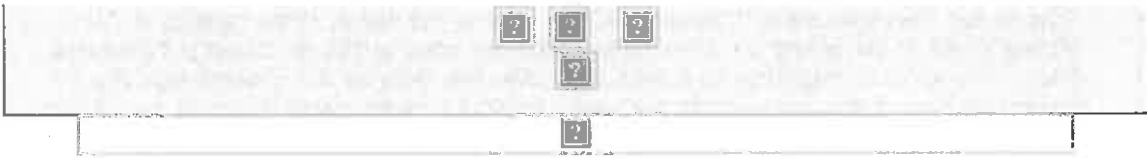
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Thank the Governor for me. Rep. O'Toole

Sent from my iPad

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1 MINUTE ACTION NEEDED NOW

FASA has contacted Governor Rick Scott requesting a veto of House Bill 7069. It contains the vast majority of education-related policy passed this Legislative Session. We asked for his veto because: 1) the Legislature did not follow procedures and, 2) HB 7069 will hurt children, education and the State of Florida.

FASA needs you to immediately submit a request asking the Governor to VETO HB 7069. Go to his website or call his office. Use the link below to email him. In the subject line, enter "Please veto HB 7069". There is room for a short message. Briefly share how this bill will be harmful to your school, students and profession.

Any or all of these bullets are valid:

- HB 7069 removes cost-efficient measures for federal Title I dollars to support programs and replaces them with an inefficient funding design reducing services for students; and/or
- HB 7069 creates additional disparity in funding between charter and traditional schools. The act will discriminate against children in traditional public schools; and/or
- HB 7069 weakens the procedures established in "Florida's Government in the Sunshine." This damages citizen confidence in Florida Government.

Email Contact: <http://www.flgov.com/contact-gov-scott/email-the-governor/>

Phone Number: (850) 717-9337: If you call the Governor's Office tell them who you are and where you live. Tell them you want the Governor to VETO HB 7069 using any of the bullets listed above.

Supporters, especially voucher and charter schools, have ramped up an organized effort to inundate the Governor with their support of HB 7069. FASA needs every administrator, their families and friends to contact Governor Scott, and let him know our side. The superintendents' association and school boards' association are also working hard to get a VETO of HB 7069. They want our massive support for their effort.

TAKE ONE MINUTE AND CONTACT THE GOVERNOR NOW!!

We need every administrator in the state to contact the Governor and make your voice heard. Please share and encourage your colleagues to do the same.

Thank you so much for your consideration of this request and for your efforts in this endeavor.



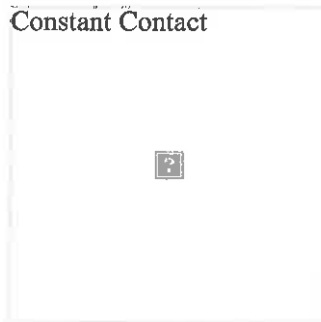
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HB 7069 - Education Accountability

SB 94 – Closing the Gap Grant Program

SB 290 – Carrying a Concealed Weapon or a Concealed Firearm

SB 456 – Labor Pools

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From: Beatrice, Meredith
Subject: CRC - Communications Recap (October 7-20, 2017)
Date: Friday, October 20, 2017 11:41:04 AM
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Good morning Commissioners:

Provided below is a CRC Communications Recap for October 6-20. This is a high-level summary and does not include all news clips. Text underlined in blue hyperlinks to the online story/webpage.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Meredith Beatrice

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**CRC COMMUNICATIONS RECAP
OCTOBER 7-20, 2017**

CRC PRESS RELEASES

- [MEDIA ADVISORY: CRC Meeting Schedule Week of October 16-20 October 13, 2017](#)
- [MEDIA ADVISORY: CRC Full Commission Meeting October 17 in Tallahassee October 16, 2017](#)
- [CRC Commissioners Continue Sponsorship of Public Proposals and Ideas Regarding the Florida Constitution October 17, 2017](#)

ICYMI

- **CRC RESPONSE TO COALITION LETTER (ATTACHED):** On October 17, the CRC Office of External Affairs provided a response to a letter received from a coalition of groups regarding how the CRC is sponsoring public proposals. That response is attached to this email and was forwarded to members of the media who inquired about the letter.

CRC SOCIAL MEDIA

- [The CRC Twitter Account \(@FloridaCRC\)](#) surpassed 700 earned followers and provided real-time updates on CRC meetings.
- [The CRC Facebook Account \(@FloridaCRC\)](#) acquired nearly 700 earned page likes and reached more than 9,000 online users from October 12-18.

- The CRC Instagram Account (@FloridaCRC) has more than 70 followers and provided real-time updates during CRC meetings.
- The CRC continued to share videos from its Education Series on the CRC YouTube Channel (Florida CRC).

CRC COMMISSIONERS IN THE NEWS (CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER)

- **Orlando Sentinel, Editorial: Clear Path for Ex-Felons to Regain Right to Vote, October 11, 2017**
 "...Two of the commission's members, former state Sens. Chris Smith and Artheria Joyner, have filed a proposal similar to the one that Floridians for a Fair Democracy is promoting. Their proposal will need the support of 22 commissioners to make next year's ballot, a much easier hill to climb than verified signatures from 766,200 Floridians. Smith and Joyner, both Democrats, will need to convince enough of their fellow commissioners on the Republican-dominated panel that their proposal would align Florida with almost every other state in the nation, both red and blue."
- **TCPalm, Guest Column: New Law Would Protect Victims' Rights in Florida Constitution, By CRC Commissioner Carolyn Timmann, October 12, 2017**
 "Through my experience as Martin County Clerk of the Circuit Court and in other roles working with our state court system, I have observed many victims trying to navigate our criminal justice system. That is precisely why I am proud to co-sponsor Commissioner Proposal 5. Together with other Constitution Revision commissioners, including the sponsor, Pasco Sheriff Chris Nocco and several co-sponsors, we hope to ensure crime victims have true equality and justice under the law by proposing a long-overdue constitutional amendment for consideration by Floridians."
- **News Service of Florida, Constitution Commission Advances More Public Proposals, By Lloyd Dunkelberger, October 17, 2017**
 "...CRC Chairman Carlos Beruff defended the process, saying the advancement of the six proposals is 'merely one of several ways the public's voice is heard during this process.' He noted CRC members have until Oct. 31 to submit their own proposals and many of those measures may be "inspired by similar themes in the public proposals" or may be the result of testimony heard by the commission. Through Tuesday, commission members have submitted 15 proposals. CRC members also have said there is a great deal of duplication or similarity among the 2,000 public submissions."
- **Miami Herald, Panel Says No to Most of Public's Ideas for Revising Florida Constitution, By Mary Ellen Klas, October 17, 2017**
 "... 'As we review this public input, it is clear that Floridians share many similar ideas and interests,' said CRC chair Carlos Beruff before the panel vote. 'In addition to commissioners who chose to directly sponsor a public proposal, several commissioners have created their own proposals inspired by public input.' ... Brecht Heuchan, chair of the CRC's style and drafting committee ...

said that many of the public proposals were duplicates of each other and many of the concepts will influence the final proposals coming out of the commission. 'I read every single one of them,' he said. 'To the extent that I file amendments on my own, some of them will be inspired by those — some of them, not all of them.' Heuchan said he rejected proposals that he didn't think belonged in the constitution, he didn't support or didn't think could pass. 'The process of the public submissions worked,' he said."

- **Florida Politics, Tom Lee May File Constitutional Amendment to Ban Dog Racing, By Jim Rosica, October 17, 2017**

"...State Sen. Tom Lee, who also sits on the Constitution Revision Commission (CRC), has been gauging support for a constitutional amendment to end greyhound racing ... 'It wouldn't be optional; this isn't decoupling,' Lee, a former Senate president, said of his proposal. 'This would be a mandatory ban for dog racing in Florida, to just prohibit it.'"

- **Florida Politics, Darryl Rouson Files Constitutional Amendment Extending Lobbying Ban, by Jim Rosica, October 19, 2017**

"State Sen. and Constitution Revision Commissioner Darryl Rouson has filed a proposed constitutional amendment extending the state's lobbying ban on former lawmakers and other elected officials from two to six years. The amendment language was posted late Wednesday on the commission's website."

CRC PRESS CLIP HEADLINES (CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER)

- **The Florida Times-Union, Editorial: Write-in Loophole Needs to be Closed in State Constitution, October 9, 2017**
- **Sarasota Herald Tribune, Editorial: Elections' Integrity Focus of Court Case, October 9, 2017**
- **The St. Augustine Record, The CRC Charade: Really, Why Bother?, October 9, 2017**
- **Sarasota Herald Tribune, Guest Column: Courts Protect Abortion Rights, By Barbara Zdravecky, president and CEO of Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida, October 9, 2017**
- **Sarasota Herald Tribune, Editorial: Change Primary Rule on Write-In Candidacy, October 10, 2017**
- **Tallahassee Democrat, Editorial: Close the Loophole, Open the Primaries, October 10, 2017**
- **Florida Politics, Poll Finds Floridians' Want 'Marsy's Law', by Peter Schorsch, October 11, 2017**
- **Florida Politics, SEIU Highlights Progressive Proposals Made to Constitutional Revision Commission, By Mitch Perry, October 11, 2017**

Gainesville Sun, [Editorial: Open State's Elections to More Voters](#), October 11, 2017

- **TCPalm/Florida Today**, [Editorial: We're Making Progress on Write-in Loophole, and Here's How You Can Help](#), October 13, 2017
- **The Ledger**, [Editorial: Time to End a Partisan Scam on the Voters](#), October 15, 2017
- **Orlando Political Observer**, [New Proposal Would Provide Protection for Victims' Rights in the Florida Constitution](#), By Beth Shankle Anderson, October 16, 2017
- **Citrus County Chronicle**, [Editorial: Primary Elections Should be Open to All](#), October 16, 2017
- **PR Newswire**, [The Florida Bar Launches Public Education Program to Engage Floridians in Constitution Revision](#), October 17, 2017
- **Tampa Bay Times**, [Florida School Districts File Formal Challenge to Constitutionality of HB 7069](#), By Jeffrey S. Solocheck, October 17, 2017
- **Florida Politics**, [Florida Bar Aims to Engage Floridians in Constitutional Review](#), October 17, 2017
- **Sunshine State News**, [Opinion Column: Marsy's Law Brings Equity to Victims' and Criminals' Rights](#), By Frank A. Shepherd, retired judge who served on the Florida Third District Court of Appeal until January 2017, October 17, 2017
- **Florida Political Review**, [Florida's Constitution Commission Continues Work Ahead of Next Year's Ballot Initiatives](#), By Payal Majmundar, October 18, 2017
- **Miami Herald**, [Confusion Over Open Meetings Creates Unrest on Constitution Panel](#), October 18, 2017
- **The Capitolist**, [Florida Bar Aims to Educate Floridians on Constitutional Revision Commission](#), By Brian Burgess, October 18, 2017
- **News Service of Florida**, [Critics Slam Florida Constitution Panel for Few Public Proposals](#), By Lloyd Dunkelberg, October 18, 2017
- **Florida Politico Playbook 10.18.17**, [TOO LITTLE? — "CRC sponsors 4 public proposals as group criticizes process."](#) by POLITICO Florida's Matt Dixon... [Read more](#)
- **The Florida Times-Union**, [Friday's Lead Letter: Get informed about Florida's Constitution Revision Commission](#), By Florida Bar President Michael Higer, October 19, 2017
- **Tallahassee Democrat**, [Opinion: Florida Voters Demand Open Primaries](#), By Steve Hough, Director of Florida Fair and Open Primaries, an election reform organization, October 19, 2017
- **WCTV**, [Appeals Court Upholds Governor Scott's Emergency Generator Rule](#), By Fletcher Keel, October 19, 2017
- **Tampa Bay Times**, [Senate Committee to Investigate Florida Nursing Home Deaths](#), By Alex Leary, October 20, 2017











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Dear Ms. Hall:

In response to your letter - which contains several misrepresentations of the CRC - please refer your coalition members to our press release (pasted below and linked here <<http://flcrc.gov/Media/PressReleases/Show/1063>>) which was circulated following today's meeting.

As noted in the press release, direct sponsorship of a public proposal is one of several ways public input is incorporated in the CRC process. Several Commissioners have filed their own proposals that were inspired by public proposals and comments heard at public hearings. Additional details showing the correlation between Commissioner-filed proposals and public proposals/comments is provided below. I have also attached a spreadsheet demonstrating the correlation between certain Commissioner-filed proposals and public proposals.

Regarding the organization of public proposals received by the CRC, we have created spreadsheets which organize the more than 2,000 public proposals received (both website and non-website submissions). These spreadsheets are updated on a daily basis for Commissioner review.

Here is a link to the folder containing these spreadsheets: <http://bit.ly/2fD4UBG>

In this folder are three types of files:

1. CRC Public Proposals Non-website Submissions: This is an excel spreadsheet that includes all the non-website public proposal submissions, which serves as an index.
2. CRC Public Proposals Website Submissions: This is an excel spreadsheet that includes all the website public proposals <<http://www.flcrc.gov/Proposals/Public>> and hyperlinks the proposal to the CRC website for your review. Website proposals start with a "7."
3. All non-website public proposal submissions: These are all the public proposals that were not submitted through the website (email, mail etc.) Commission staff has scanned each one and numbered them. The numbers match up to the excel spreadsheet (CRC Public Proposals Non-website Submissions). All of these proposals start with an "8."

The CRC continues to encourage Floridians to submit their ideas and feedback. I hope you find this information helpful.

Sincerely,

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CRC Commissioners Continue Sponsorship of Public Proposals and Ideas Regarding the Florida Constitution

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Today, the Constitution Revision Commission (CRC) held its second and final full Commission meeting in which Commissioners could directly sponsor public proposals through the CRC process. Direct sponsorship of public proposals is one of several ways public input is considered through the CRC process. CRC Commissioners have also created their own proposals inspired by ideas submitted by Floridians.

CRC Chairman Carlos Beruff, said, "The CRC has received historic public input. More than 2,000 proposed revisions and thousands of comments were submitted by Floridians. As we review this public input, it clear that Floridians share many similar ideas and interests. In addition to Commissioners who chose to directly sponsor a public proposal, several Commissioners have created their own proposals inspired by public input. Floridians are encouraged to continue reaching out to Commissioners with ideas before October 31, which is the deadline for Commissioners to file proposals to be taken up during the CRC process."

A summary of public proposals directly sponsored by Commissioners, and proposals created by Commissioners that were inspired by public input, is provided below. Nineteen proposals have been filed by CRC Commissioners to date and are available for review on flcrc.gov/Proposals/Commissioner <<http://flcrc.gov/Proposals/Commissioner>> :

Public Proposals Directly Sponsored by CRC Commissioners (6 Total)

- * Commissioner Proposal 11 (Public Proposal 700396) "SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS, Primary, general, and special elections" <<http://flcrc.gov/Proposals/Commissioner/2017/0011>> – Sponsored by Commissioner Sherry Plymale <<http://flcrc.gov/Commissioners/Plymale>> ; (Co-Introducers) Commissioners Carolyn Timmann <<http://flcrc.gov/Commissioners/Timmann>> ; Hank Coxe <<http://flcrc.gov/Commissioners/Coxe>> ; Roberto Martinez <<http://flcrc.gov/Commissioners/Martinez>>

- * Similar to nearly 20 other public proposals received by the CRC; in addition to comments received by email and at CRC public hearings.

- * Commissioner Proposal 12 (Public Proposal 700202) "MISCELLANEOUS, repeal s. 19" <<http://flcrc.gov/Proposals/Commissioner/2017/0012>> – Sponsored by Commissioner Carolyn Timmann <<http://flcrc.gov/Commissioners/Timmann>>

- * Public Proposal 700661 "The Right to Earn an Honest Living" <<http://www.flcrc.gov/Proposals/Public/700661>> – Sponsored by Commissioner Erika Donalds <<http://flcrc.gov/Commissioners/Donalds>>

- * Will be assigned commissioner proposal number.

- * Public Proposal 700540 "Right to a Clean and Healthful Environment " <<http://www.flcrc.gov/Proposals/Public/700540>> – Sponsored by Commissioner Jacqui Thurlow-Lippisch <<http://flcrc.gov/Commissioners/Thurlow-Lippisch>>

- * Will be assigned commissioner proposal number.

- * Public Proposal 700598 "Homestead Exemption Addition" <<http://flcrc.gov/Proposals/Public/700598>> – Sponsored by Commissioner Don Gaetz <<http://flcrc.gov/Commissioners/Gaetz>>

- * Will be assigned commissioner proposal number.

- * Public Proposal 700698 "ARTICLE I: DECLARATION OF RIGHTS, Section 23. Right of privacy." <<http://flcrc.gov/Proposals/Public/700698>> – Sponsored by Commissioner John Stemberger <<http://flcrc.gov/Commissioners/Stemberger>>

- * Will be assigned commissioner proposal number.

Commissioner-Filed Proposals Inspired by Public Input (8 To-date)

* Commissioner Proposal 1 "JUDICIARY, Eligibility"

<<http://flcrc.gov/Proposals/Commissioner/2017/0001>> - Proposal by Commissioner Bobby Martinez
<<http://flcrc.gov/Commissioners/Martinez>> ; (Co-Introducer) Commissioner Don Gaetz
<<http://flcrc.gov/Commissioners/Gaetz>>

* This proposal is similar to approximately 10 proposals received by the CRC; in addition to comments received by email and at CRC public hearings.

* Commissioner Proposal 2 "SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS, Disqualifications"

<<http://flcrc.gov/Proposals/Commissioner/2017/0002>> - Proposal by Commissioner Bobby Martinez
<<http://flcrc.gov/Commissioners/Martinez>> ; (Co-Introducer) Commissioner Anna Marie Hernandez Gamez
<<http://flcrc.gov/Commissioners/Gamez>>

* This proposal is similar to more than 10 public proposals received by the CRC; in addition to comments received by email and at CRC public hearings.

* Commissioner Proposal 3 "DECLARATION OF RIGHTS, Basic rights"

<<http://flcrc.gov/Proposals/Commissioner/2017/0003>> - Proposal by Commissioner Bobby Martinez
<<http://flcrc.gov/Commissioners/Martinez>> ; (Co-Introducer) Commissioner Belinda Keiser
<<http://flcrc.gov/Commissioners/Keiser>>

* This proposal is similar to more than five public proposals received by the CRC; in addition to comments received by email and at CRC public hearings.

* Commissioner Proposal 4 "DECLARATION OF RIGHTS, Religious freedom"

<<http://flcrc.gov/Proposals/Commissioner/2017/0004>> - Proposal by Commissioner Bobby Martinez
<<http://flcrc.gov/Commissioners/Martinez>> ; (Co-Introducer) Commissioner Anna Marie Hernandez Gamez
<<http://flcrc.gov/Commissioners/Gamez>>

* This proposal is similar to approximately 10 public proposals received by the CRC; in addition to comments received by email and at CRC public hearings.

* Commissioner Proposal 7 "SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS, Disqualifications"

<<http://flcrc.gov/Proposals/Commissioner/2017/0007>> - Proposal by Commissioner Chris Smith
<<http://flcrc.gov/Commissioners/Smith>> ; (Co-Introducer) Commissioner Arthenia Joyner
<<http://flcrc.gov/Commissioners/Joyner>>

* This proposal is similar to more than 10 public proposals received by the CRC; in addition to comments received by email and at CRC public hearings.

* Commissioner Proposal 8 "JUDICIARY, Eligibility; Vacancies"

<<http://flcrc.gov/Proposals/Commissioner/2017/0008>> - Proposal by Commissioner Don Gaetz
<<http://flcrc.gov/Commissioners/Gaetz>>

* This proposal is similar to more than five public proposals received by the CRC; in addition to comments received by email and at CRC public hearings.

* Commissioner Proposal 13 "LOCAL GOVERNMENT, Counties; Schedule to Article VIII"

<<http://flcrc.gov/Proposals/Commissioner/2017/0013>> - Proposal by Commissioner Carolyn Timmann
<<http://flcrc.gov/Commissioners/Timmann>> ; (Co-Introducer) Commissioner Chris Nocco
<<http://flcrc.gov/Commissioners/Nocco>>

* This proposal is similar to four public proposals received by the CRC.

* Commissioner Proposal 14 "EXECUTIVE, Secretary of State"

<<http://flcrc.gov/Proposals/Commissioner/2017/0014>> - Proposal by Commissioner Don Gaetz

<<http://flcrc.gov/Commissioners/Gaetz>>

* This proposal is similar to two public proposals received by the CRC.

* Commissioner Proposal 15 "DECLARATION OF RIGHTS, Basic rights"

<<http://flcrc.gov/Proposals/Commissioner/2017/0015>> – Proposal by Commissioner Anna Marie Hernandez Gamez <<http://flcrc.gov/Commissioners/Gamez>>

* This proposal is similar to more than five public proposals received by the CRC; in addition to comments received by email and at CRC public hearings.

Additional Commissioner-Filed Proposals

* Commissioner Proposal 5 "DECLARATION OF RIGHTS, Rights of accused and of victims"

<<http://flcrc.gov/Proposals/Commissioner/2017/0005>> – Proposal by Commissioner Chris Nocco

<<http://flcrc.gov/Commissioners/Nocco>> ; (Co-Introducers) Commissioners Carolyn Timmann

<<http://flcrc.gov/Commissioners/Timmann>> ; Patricia Levesque

<<http://flcrc.gov/Commissioners/Levesque>> ; Sherry Plymale <<http://flcrc.gov/Commissioners/Plymale>> ;

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<<http://flcrc.gov/Commissioners/Cerio>> ; Brecht Heuchan <<http://flcrc.gov/Commissioners/Heuchan>> ;

John Stemberger <<http://flcrc.gov/Commissioners/Stemberger>>

* Commissioner Proposal 6 "JUDICIARY, creates s. 21"

<<http://flcrc.gov/Proposals/Commissioner/2017/0006>> – Proposal by Commissioner Roberto Martinez

<<http://flcrc.gov/Commissioners/Martinez>>

* Commissioner Proposal 9 "EXECUTIVE, Department of Veterans' Affairs"

<<http://flcrc.gov/Proposals/Commissioner/2017/0009>> – Proposal by Commissioner Carolyn Timmann

<<http://flcrc.gov/Commissioners/Timmann>>

* Commissioner Proposal 10 "EDUCATION, Civic literacy in public education"

<<http://flcrc.gov/Proposals/Commissioner/2017/0010>> – Proposal by Commissioner Don Gaetz

<<http://flcrc.gov/Commissioners/Gaetz>>

How to Review Proposals and Public Input

* All public proposals received by the CRC are available on the CRC website at flcrc.gov/Proposals/Public

<<http://flcrc.gov/Proposals/Public>> .

* All proposals filed by CRC Commissioners are available at flcrc.gov/Proposals/Commissioner

<<http://flcrc.gov/Proposals/Commissioner>> .

* Public hearing transcripts are available at flcrc.gov/Meetings/Transcripts

<<http://flcrc.gov/Meetings/Transcripts>> .

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ABOUT THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMISSION (CRC)

Once every 20 years, Florida's Constitution provides for the creation of a 37-member revision commission for

the purpose of reviewing Florida's Constitution and proposing changes for voter consideration. The Constitution Revision Commission (CRC) meets for approximately one year, traveling the State of Florida, identifying issues, performing research and possibly recommending changes to the Constitution. Any amendments proposed by the CRC would be placed on the 2018 General Election ballot. For additional information, visit flcrc.gov <<http://flcrc.gov/>> . Follow the CRC on social media @FloridaCRC (Twitter <<https://twitter.com/FloridaCRC>> , Facebook <<https://www.facebook.com/FloridaCRC/>> , Instagram <<https://www.instagram.com/floridacrc/>> and YouTube <<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5zdTY79ZTcTCHyCGTzmWag>>).

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Subject: Coalition Letter to CRC

Letter to CRC - pasted below and attached.

October 17, 2017

DELIVERED VIA EMAIL Re: Consideration of public proposals

Dear Chairman Beruff and Members of the CRC:

The 2017-18 Florida Constitution Revision Commission today issued a stunning rejection of the thousands of Floridians who invested considerable time and effort to share their ideas and draft proposals for improving their constitution. When the gavel dropped on the second and final hearing of publicly-filed proposals, only 6 of more than 2,000 public proposals moved forward for thoughtful study and consideration.

When the CRC launched its "public listening tour" last spring without first establishing any rules or procedures, we questioned whether public input would be meaningfully considered, or if the public hearings were just for show. CRC press releases have repeatedly hailed the numbers of citizens who invested their time and energy to attend those public hearings and submit proposals. But the metrics that matter are the results of all that participation. Did the CRC actually want to hear what people thought, or was it all about appearances?

Because the CRC only comes along once every 20 years, there are benchmarks of previous performance to help answer that question. Consider the metrics of the very last CRC held in 1997-98 as it wrapped up its second and final hearing to consider public proposals. Of a total of 696 publicly-filed proposals, all were read before the full CRC and 128 (18.4%) achieved the threshold of 10 votes needed to move forward for further

consideration. Individual CRC members moved for consideration of another 69 public proposals that fell short of the 10 votes required to move forward. That was a stark contrast to this commission's response to the public. The 6 proposals moving forward amount to less than .003 percent of those filed, and no other proposals even received a motion for consideration.

In addition to the 128 public proposals that moved forward for consideration by the 1997-1998 CRC, the commission sorted public proposals by subject matter and proceeded to consider a total of 30 "general concepts" raised by the public. This year's CRC did not even bother to group proposals by subject – an exercise that would have revealed recurring themes. We recognize that the advent of online filings significantly increased the workload, but technological advances would have made it easier for staff to group proposals into general categories for further consideration. Presenting commissioners with subject matters that were repeatedly addressed by members of the public could have led them to look more deeply into a variety of issues and help them to focus on the areas of greatest public concern. Such focus is sorely lacking this time around. It seems to be up to individual commissioners to attempt to bundle concepts into their own proposals.

The Citizens of Florida were told their voices would be heard and would shape this process. Actions speak louder than words, and this commission's actions are brazenly dismissive of the concerns and suggestions of Floridians.

Sincerely,

Howard Simon, Executive Director

Kirk Bailey, Political Director

American Civil Liberties Union of Florida

Andy Madtes, Executive Director

AFSCME Florida

Liza McClenaghan, State Chair

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From: Miami Beach Senior High PTSA
To: [McDougal, Kim](#)
Subject: CRUCIAL - IMMEDIATE ACTION NEEDED!!!
Date: Monday, February 22, 2016 10:22:45 PM

**Miami Beach Senior High PTSA ENewsletter
Advocacy Campaign #8, February 2016**



**Traditional Schools are Under Attack by Charter
School Interests that have Billions of Dollars to
Gain! Developers are Lining Up to Benefit!**

This week, under the guise of school choice, state representatives will attempt to pass education legislation where special interests, including consultants, developers, land owners, and others, will all benefit off of charter school capital outlay funding legislation currently being proposed by Florida representatives who are employed by the largest charter school operator in the state, Academica (Rep. Diaz, Fresen and Sen. Flores). Rep. Fresen is also recruiting unrelated developers to give future charter school contracts to Academica in high property tax dollar generating cities.



Developers and landholders are lining up for this huge windfall in public education dollars, the majority of which will never go to our kids! Many of these charter schools are being planned to be developed across the street from A-rated traditional schools to syphon off high performing students as there is currently no restrictions against this.

There is one state legislator, Senator Gaetz, who is fighting back against this attack on traditional public schools.

The former President of the Senate recognizes that there are ulterior motives at play here. However, he understands that charter schools are public schools and serve a worthy purpose and has proposed the following bill -

1. Increase capital outlay funding for charter schools.
2. Provide weighted (even more) funds to those charter schools that make a commitment to serve more children from disadvantaged families and children who have disabilities.
3. Ensure that capital outlay funds actually go to the school for improved facilities benefitting students by prohibiting funds to be "passed through" for personal enrichment.

During his term as Senate President, Sen. Gaetz worked cooperatively with the Speaker of the House to provide more capital funds for charters than in any other year. His hope is that the Senate and House will agree to his proposal this year.

We wholeheartedly support his efforts!

Please [click here](#) to email the Senate Appropriations Committee to support Senator Gaetz's charter school capital outlay bill.

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From: Schenone, Lauren
To: Schutz, Jackie
Subject: DRAFT 4PM INQUIRY FOR 4 TV STATIONS
Date: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 2:37:32 PM

Kendra Conlon	CBS Tampa	What is the Governor's stance on the Florida School Board Association asking him to veto SB7069? Also can I get the number of emails, calls, signed petitions and letters in opposition of the bill?	727-710-3824 kconlon@wtsp.com
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OTHER STATIONS ASKING: WTVJ, WPLG, WFTS

DEADLINE: 4PM

DRAFT RESPONSE: We are reviewing it.

On HB 7069, the responses are as follows-

- Emails: Oppose- 2255, Support-127
- Letters: Oppose - 5, Support - 0
- Calls: Oppose - 517, Support - 144
- Petition signatures: Oppose 1050, Support - 247

Responses on the education budget -

- Emails: Oppose - 277, Support - 0
- Letters: Oppose - 0, Support - 0
- Calls: Oppose- 107, Support - 1
- Petition signatures: Oppose - 0, Support - 0

From: Schenone, Lauren
To: Schutz, Jackie; Bustamante, Jeri
Cc: Schenone, Lauren
Subject: DRAFT 5 22 17 QA
Date: Sunday, May 21, 2017 1:53:28 PM
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DRAFT

Q: What do you think of school children being offered extra credit to write letters to you in support of HB 7069?

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- I am reviewing my options on both of those.

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Q&A May 22, 2017

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Q: What's your reaction to Trump not announcing changes to Cuba policy as previously planned?

- I think the Trump administration is carefully reviewing this. I'd like to see policy that promotes democracy in Cuba and stands with the pro-democracy movement.

Q: There's been protests in south Florida regarding TPS and the Haitian community. Have you talked to President Trump about this?

- I had the opportunity to meet with Secretary Kelly recently and I brought this issue up. It's one I have heard about from Floridians as I have traveled the state. After I brought it up, the secretary said he is open to temporarily extending it.

Q: Will you call a special session to address medical marijuana after the bill failed to pass?

- My office is reviewing our options on this issue.

Q: Do you think Visit Florida handled the Syrian tourism contract scandal correctly?

- It's my understanding that it was a clerical error. Let me be clear, ZERO taxpayer dollars and ZERO private dollars were spent advertising to the inaccurate countries. VISIT FLORIDA does not spend any marketing dollars on this.

If pressed:

- Again, it's my understanding that it was a clerical error and ZERO taxpayer dollars and ZERO private dollars were spent advertising on this. You'll have to get with visit Florida for more details.

Q: The legislature declined to fund Visit Florida but we still see record tourism numbers particularly in the Orlando area despite this. Do you think Visit Florida is necessary to attract tourism to our state?

- As you know I meet with residents and business owners across the state and they all talk to me about the importance of marketing our state. They understand that we need to invest in our state to make sure it's the number one destination for visitors. It's really concerning that the Legislature did not fund Visit Florida. My priority is to continue to fight the politicians in Tallahassee to help Florida families.

Q: The revelation that President Donald Trump reportedly disclosed highly sensitive information to Russian officials is raising questions among some allied intelligence agencies about the security of details they share with the US. Should they be considered?

- McMaster already said this was inaccurate.
- I know Donald Trump well and he is solely focused on the security and safety of our nation.
- Anyone who thinks that Donald Trump would give in to Russia really does not understand Donald Trump.

Q: You talk to the President a lot. What do you think he said to Russia? Has he told you what he said?

- We have not talk about this. I have no idea what they met about.

Q: What do you think about Comey firing?

- I think a fresh start may be the best idea for the FBI. Comey had certainly become a lightning rod for both the right and the left.
- The FBI must be completely non-partisan in its pursuit to justice, and I am sure the President will find the right person to lead it.
- The FBI does a great job...pivot to personal experience.

Q: What is your reaction to calls for Trump's impeachment over the Comey incident?

- I think it's ridiculous. Listen, Comey became a lightning rod for both the right and the left. A fresh start for the FBI was probably the right idea.

Q: Who should replace Comey?

- The FBI has to be non partisan and I know the President is working hard to find the right person to lead it.
- *Pivot to experience with FBI at Pulse, Ft. Lauderdale.*

Q: Are you concerned Trumpcare doesn't protect patients with preexisting conditions, such as cancer and cerebral palsy?

- I haven't gone line by line through the bill, but I have continued to say that it is important to cover individuals with preexisting conditions.

- Congress cannot give up on getting rid of Obamacare and I am encouraged that something is being done.
- I have been working with the Trump Administration to get flexibility in Florida's Medicaid program so we can cut federal red tape and provide higher quality care to better serve low-income Floridians.
- Additionally, we had a huge win from the Trump team earlier this year with their commitment to fund Florida's Low Income Pool by almost a billion dollars more than what Obama gave us. This will improve the quality and access to health care for our most vulnerable populations.
- Florida was on the frontline of fighting against federal overreach under President Obama and it is refreshing to now have a federal government that treats us fairly and does not attempt to coerce us into expanding Medicaid.

Q: Do you support the President's Executive Order that would expand oil drilling?

- It's my understanding from the Trump Administration that the Executive Order doesn't expand drilling but just calls for a review of drilling around the country.
- I am committed to protecting Florida's pristine environment and beaches. Any new activity needs to be proven and reliable to cause no harm to our environment or Florida families.

Q: Will you run for Senate?

- The Senate race is in 2018 and it's only 2017.
- Politicians are always angling for their next job but I'm focused on being Governor and working hard to keep growing Florida's economy.

Q: When will you decide if you will run?

- I don't have a crystal ball. I have no idea what the future holds and that's why I am focused on my current job and getting results for Florida families.

Q: Will you back LG Lopez-Cantera if he runs for Congresswoman Ros-Lehtinen's seat?

- I know that there are many who are considering that seat. We will see who enters the race...

From: Education Commission of the States
To: [McDougal, Kim](#)
Subject: ECS Ed Clips: 06.15.17: A New Push for Early Ed: While Some States Expand Pre-K, Most Don't Require (or Fund) Full-Day Kindergarten
Date: Thursday, June 15, 2017 4:01:17 AM

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Thursday, June 15, 2017

Education Commission of the States



e-CLIPS



Early Learning

A New Push for Early Ed: While Some States Expand Pre-K, Most Don't Require (or Fund) Full-Day Kindergarten

From New York City's landmark universal preschool program, now expanded to 3-year-olds, to a new law in Indiana that will create a first-ever state-funded online preschool program, education leaders and elected officials across the country have lately been very keyed into the value of publicly funded preschool programs for 3- and 4-year-olds. (*74 Million, June 11*)

Related Education Commission of the States Resource: **Full-Day Kindergarten: A look across the states**

Adult Learners

Latest Higher Ed Innovation Aims to Enhance Adult Learning Programs

Results will help colleges and universities serve rapidly growing population of adult learners to improve rates of enrollment, persistence and completion. (*eCampus News, June 13*)

College Completion

D.C. Public Schools Practices Data-Informed College Advising

Armed with information about how DCPS students do at particular colleges, educators offer advice.

(Education Dive, June 8)

Related Education Commission of the States Resource: **Guided Pathways to College Completion**

School Choice

KS School Funding Bill Expands Tax Credits for Private Tuition Program

A school finance bill headed to Gov. Sam Brownback's desk would expand a program that funds private school tuition through tax credits. (KMUW 89.1 Wichita Public Radio, June 8)

Voucher Programs

This education Policy Analysis, **Voucher Programs**, provides a comprehensive look at eligibility requirements, accountability and funding for voucher programs across the states, and includes research findings and legal challenges for this private school choice option.

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Subject: Emailing - Central Florida Public School Boards Coalition letter to Gov Scott (003).pdf
Date: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 3:23:44 PM
Attachments: [Central Florida Public School Boards Coalition letter to Gov Scott \(003\).pdf](#)

Dear Governor Scott,

Attached please find a letter from the Central Florida Public School Boards Coalition urging you to veto HB 7069 as well as the education budget.

Sincerely,

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"if you cannot do great things, do small things in a great way."

— Napoleon Hill

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Central Florida Public School Boards Coalition

Collectively Representing Over 1 Million Florida Students

The Honorable Rick Scott
Office of Governor Rick Scott
The Capitol
400 S Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

May 17, 2017

Dear Governor Scott:

The Central Florida Public School Boards Coalition (CFPSBC) is comprised of 13 Central Florida school districts which collectively represent over 1 million Florida students. On behalf of these students we are writing to urge you to VETO HB7069 as well as the Education Budget.

The 2017-2018 Education Budget cuts the Base Student Allocation \$27.07 statewide, which is \$29.83 LOWER THAN 10 YEARS AGO. The financial resources to grant raises to our teachers and meet inflationary cost increases will be non-existent. This falls far short of your recommended increase in Education Funding that would have helped ensure a high quality public school system that lures businesses and jobs to our state in order to support our thriving economy. Please send a message to legislators that further cuts to education funding will not be tolerated.

While HB7069 includes some provisions that were advocated for by superintendents and school board members; our primary objection to the bill is that the vetting process by legislators and the public was completely circumvented. All transparency and due process vanished by publishing a 274-page omnibus bill that contains legislation that was **never** vetted or in some cases rejected by committee. The public was not allowed testimony nor were amendments **allowed** due to the conforming nature of the bill. Furthermore, several stand-alone bills that were vetted through the legitimate process were combined into this bill that have no business in a conforming bill. We believe this sets a dangerous precedent for abuse of the legislative system under Florida's Constitution.

While there are troubling provisions and programs contained in the conforming bill, the lack of transparency and adherence to due process alone should be reason enough to veto a bill that barely passed the Senate by only one vote. And during a time of economic prosperity, to accept an Education Budget that rejects the value placed on education by the Senate and your office is unconscionable. It fails to provide adequate funding to recruit and retain teachers, meet inflation costs, or make progress in post-recession funding gaps that fund services and facilities vital to students.



Businesses and families want to relocate to a state that values its children and places a priority on the education of its citizens. Economic prosperity occurs when education funding flows back into the community. For these reasons we ask you to stand with the students of Florida and their families through a VETO of HB 7069 and the Education Budget for 2017-2018.

Sincerely,

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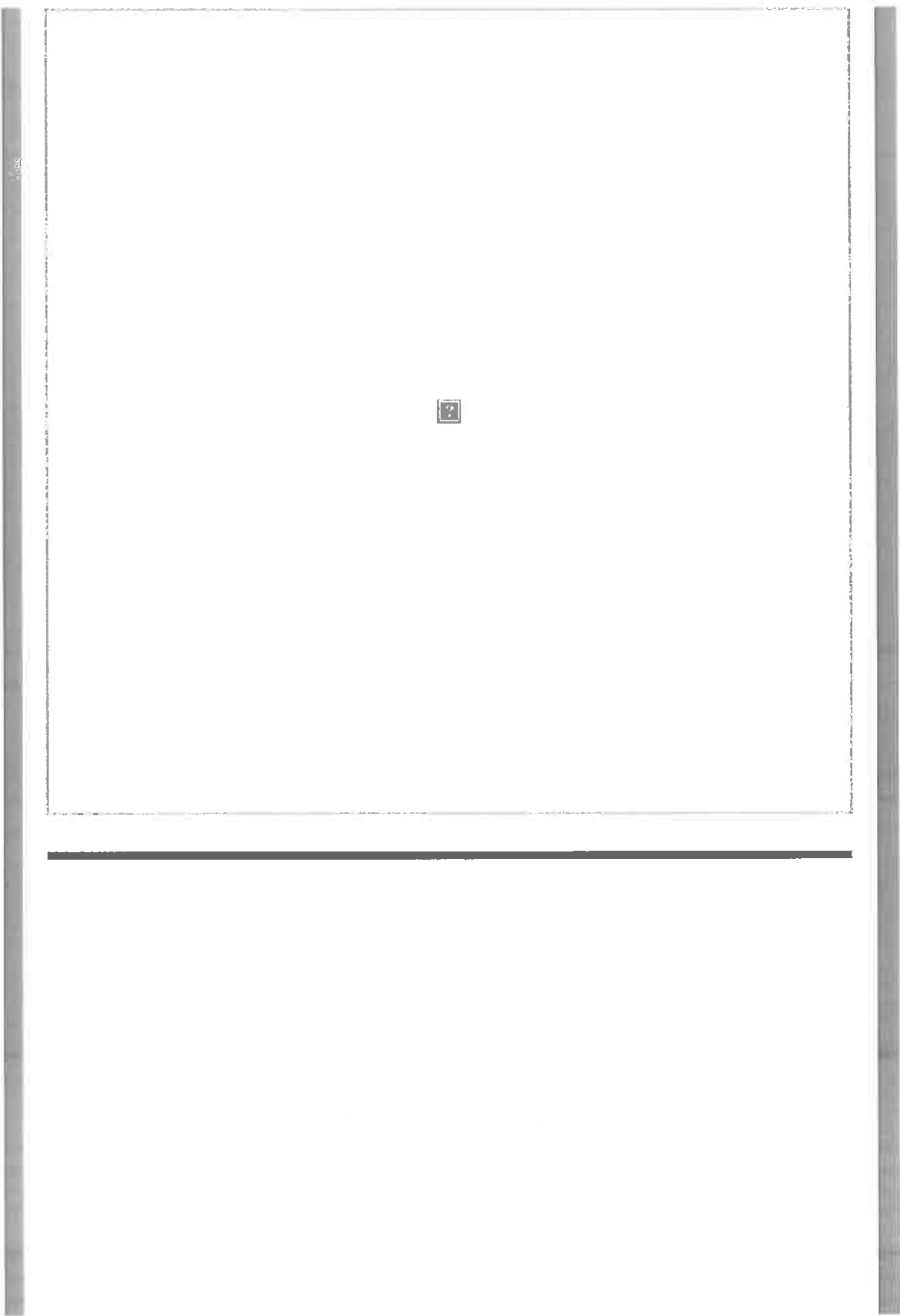
Cc: Kim McDougal, Chief of Staff
Ashley Spicola, Education Policy Coordinator

From: Representative Lori Berman
To: McCusker, Kim
Subject: End of Session Recap
Date: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 3:53:02 PM

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END OF SESSION RECAP



We officially concluded our extended session on Monday, May 8, after our 63rd day of meeting. Attached are some of the highlights and lowlights of the session. I look forward to seeing you to update you and answer any questions you may have.

2017-18 Budget

I was one of only 14 "no" votes on the upcoming fiscal year budget. The main reason for this was that I felt K-12 public school funding was not adequate. In a year when we are experiencing a measure of economic prosperity, I was disappointed we funded our per-pupil spending at approximately the same rate as 10 years ago. I am also disappointed in the cuts to state colleges across Florida, but, in particular, the \$1 million base cut to Palm Beach State College.

Some allocations within Palm Beach County include:

- \$500,000 for the Ex-offender re-entry program in Pahokee
- \$9.85 million for the Jupiter Research Building on the FAU campus
- \$5 million for a new Dental Health Sciences building at Palm Beach State College, which houses the only accredited Dental Hygiene and Assisting programs in Palm Beach County
- \$1 million for Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative – Lost Tree Village Septic to Sewer
- \$1 million for Lake Region Water Infrastructure Improvement Project

Additionally, statewide, we saw both positive and negative outcomes resulting from the budget. Below are a few key areas of interest:

- \$167.6 million for Everglades Restoration and \$135.7 million to the South Florida Water Management District for Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP)
- Florida Forever – not funded
- \$180 million increase for Bright Futures
- \$1.1 billion for mental health and substance abuse, an increase of \$18.4 million above 2016
- Visit Florida received \$25 million, down from \$76 million
- Enterprise Florida received \$16 million, down from \$23.5 million

BILLS I SPONSORED

HB 267 – Elective Share

The bill seeks to make changes to portions of the elective share laws dealing with the right of a surviving spouse to take a portion of the decedent's assets after death. This bill was suggested by the Real Property, Probate and Trust Law section of the Florida Bar, as a result of studying this issue and how it affects decedent's estates. The bill passed both Chambers and is now awaiting the Governor's signature.

HB 531 – Solid Waste Authority

This bill extends waste management contracts from five to seven years. By doing this, Palm Beach County stands to save money, as these contracts will hopefully become more competitive. This bill also awaits the Governor's signature.

HB 319 – Equal Pay for Equal Work

Named the "Helen Gordon Davis Fair Pay Protection Act" in honor of Helen Gordon Davis for her hard work in the field of equal pay, the bill hoped to strengthen state laws in this arena. The legislation would determine which factors employers can use to decide to pay employees differently, such as education or experience based on

seniority or merit, and would prohibit employers from screening job applicants based on prior wages. It also bans employers from taking retaliatory action against an employee who discloses their wages to a coworker and prohibits employers from discrimination towards employees based on their sex or gender identity. A rally in support of this legislation had more than 150 men and women in attendance in the Capitol. Despite the strong showing, the bill did not receive a hearing in the House or Senate.

HB 1093 – Tobacco 21

The legislation seeks to limit tobacco and tobacco product sales to those who are 21 and over. It was supported by the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, American Lung Association, and the American and Florida Society of Clinical Oncologists, but also did not receive a hearing.

HEALTHCARE

Women's Choice & Alimony

Although there were several bills proposed that could affect a women's right to choose, I was pleased that ultimately no final bills passed. In the past few years, we have seen an alimony bill that would greatly affect women, but I am happy to report no bill passed on this front this session.

HB 1397 – Medical Marijuana

Amendment 2 allowing medical marijuana passed in November 2016 with over 70% of the vote. The proposed implementing bill went through many iterations, but ultimately failed due to lack of consensus. I had very serious concerns about barriers to access, including lack of ability to smoke marijuana, availability of only three 70-day refills, and very limited growers and distributors.

SB 60 - Children Obtaining Driver Licenses

This good bill will help foster children receive their driver's licenses. This program helps children pay for car insurance, driver's education, and the other associated costs that foster children typically cannot afford. Governor Scott signed this bill into law on May 1, 2017.

School Recess

Another item that got rolled into HB 7069 was part of an original stand-alone bill that requires 20 minutes of consecutive free play recess per day for students in kindergarten through grade 5. I support this concept but was upset to see charter schools excluded and that it was part of this overly expansive bill.

ENVIRONMENT

SB 90 - Renewable Energy Source Devices

After numerous hours of debate, the solar energy implementing bill for Amendment 4 passed. Amendment 4 received over 72% of support from voters in the August 2016 primary election. The language that was approved in the bill will now extend a renewable energy tax break to commercial and industrial properties. Those who place solar energy devices on their property will be exempt from being assessed property taxes and tangible property taxes as a result of the increased property value. Although I did not agree with all of the final provisions, I voted in favor of this bill so Floridians have greater access to solar energy.

SB 10 – Water Resources

Senate President Joe Negron's major water conservation priority passed in the final days of session. The bill aims to reduce the recurrence of toxic algae in our water systems and better control Lake Okeechobee discharges. The key point of the bill serves to create a reservoir south of Lake Okeechobee (known as the C-51 Reservoir) and ensure only clean water is sent south toward Florida Bay. This is part of a larger joint effort to restore our Everglades called the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, or CERP. The bill allows for up to \$800 million in bonds in order to speed up the construction of this reservoir.

JUSTICE

HCR 631 – The Groveland Four & HR 1335- Dozier School for Boys

Two deeply sad and heartfelt resolutions were passed. One was recognizing the abuses of former students at the Arthur G. Dozier School for Boys, where at least 500 former students have alleged brutal beatings, mental, and sexual abuse at the school. The House's resolution acknowledged these wrongdoings and apologized to the families of the victims. Further, another bill authorized the creation of monuments, both in Tallahassee and in Jackson County, to commemorate the victims. Similarly, a resolution was passed to formally apologize to four black men - Charles Greenlee, Walter Irvin, Samuel Shepherd and Ernest Thomas, also known as the "Groveland Four," for being falsely prosecuted and imprisoned for the rape of a white woman in 1949. One of the men died in a manhunt and another was killed by a Sheriff, purportedly in self-defense. The pain that these families have endured cannot be undone or fixed, but this bill will hopefully take a steps towards providing closure for the families.

SB 280 - Death Penalty Fix

At the outset of legislative session, both Chambers passed a law that would require

juries to decide unanimously whether defendants convicted of capital crimes should be put to death in order for the sentence to be imposed. In October, the Florida Supreme Court ruled that a change in law made during the 2016 session was unconstitutional because it did not require unanimous jury recommendations. This only pertains to the sentencing phase, not the guilt phase, which already requires a unanimous verdict.

SB 852 - Human Trafficking

This legislation requires the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to maintain data specifying certain services available for verified victims of commercial sexual exploitation. It also amends the definition of "sexually exploited child" and replaces it with "commercial sexual exploitation" and provides for a multidisciplinary staffing for an alleged victim and that said staffing develop a service plan for any child victims and connect them with local services. Finally, the Sheriff or DCF must follow up within six months with the victim.

SB 128 – Self-defense Immunity

This bill shifts the burden of proof in "Stand Your Ground" cases to be placed on the prosecution. I did not support this legislation because I am concerned that it will make the Stand Your Ground defense easier and perhaps more wrongful in its application.

Guns/Domestic Violence:

Although there were numerous new gun laws proposed, none passed. I proposed a bill (HB 1103) to review the laws on removing guns following an alleged domestic violence situation, but it was not even given a hearing.

TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Gambling

There were no updates on gambling this year, as it relates to pari-mutuels, decoupling of horse tracks, or regarding the Seminole Compact. It remains to be seen what that means for 2018.

HB 1063 - Personal Injury Protection (PIP)

We voted on a bill to repeal Florida's no-fault auto insurance system, but the Senate did not pass it. Currently, motorists have to carry personal injury protection coverage to help pay for medical bills following an accident. HB 1063 would replace PIP with bodily injury coverage. I voted in favor of this bill, as I feel it will help reduce the fraud in the insurance system and lower premiums. I am sure we will see this bill again in 2018.

HB 221 - Transportation Network Companies

The Florida House voted almost unanimously for the passage of a bill providing the regulatory framework for transportation network companies such as Uber and Lyft. This legislation institutes policies such as a zero tolerance drug or alcohol policy, minimum insurance requirements, driver background checks, and independent contractor status for drivers.

HB 7109 – Tax Package

A three-day back-to-school sales tax holiday, as well as one for hurricane season, was approved. Taxes on feminine hygiene products, commonly known as the “tampon tax,” were eliminated. A tax on commercial leases was lowered, resulting in a tax package savings of approximately \$79 million.

SB 106 – Vendors Licensed Under the Beverage Law

The “Whiskey and Wheaties Bill” would allow grocery stores, big box retailers, and other stores to sell liquor alongside wine, beer, and other products. Since Prohibition ended, Florida law has required retailers to sell liquor apart from other products in side stores separated by a wall. Independent liquor store owners opposed the bill, saying supermarkets and big box stores could drive them out of business as they gradually add liquor to their shelves, starting in 2018. The bill passed the House and the Senate and is awaiting a signature by Gov. Rick Scott.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Constitutional amendments can be brought forth through joint resolutions that are passed by both chambers of the Legislature. Four bills passed the House this session and two of them that also passed the Senate will appear on your 2018 ballot.

HJR 7105 – Increased Homestead Property Tax Exemption

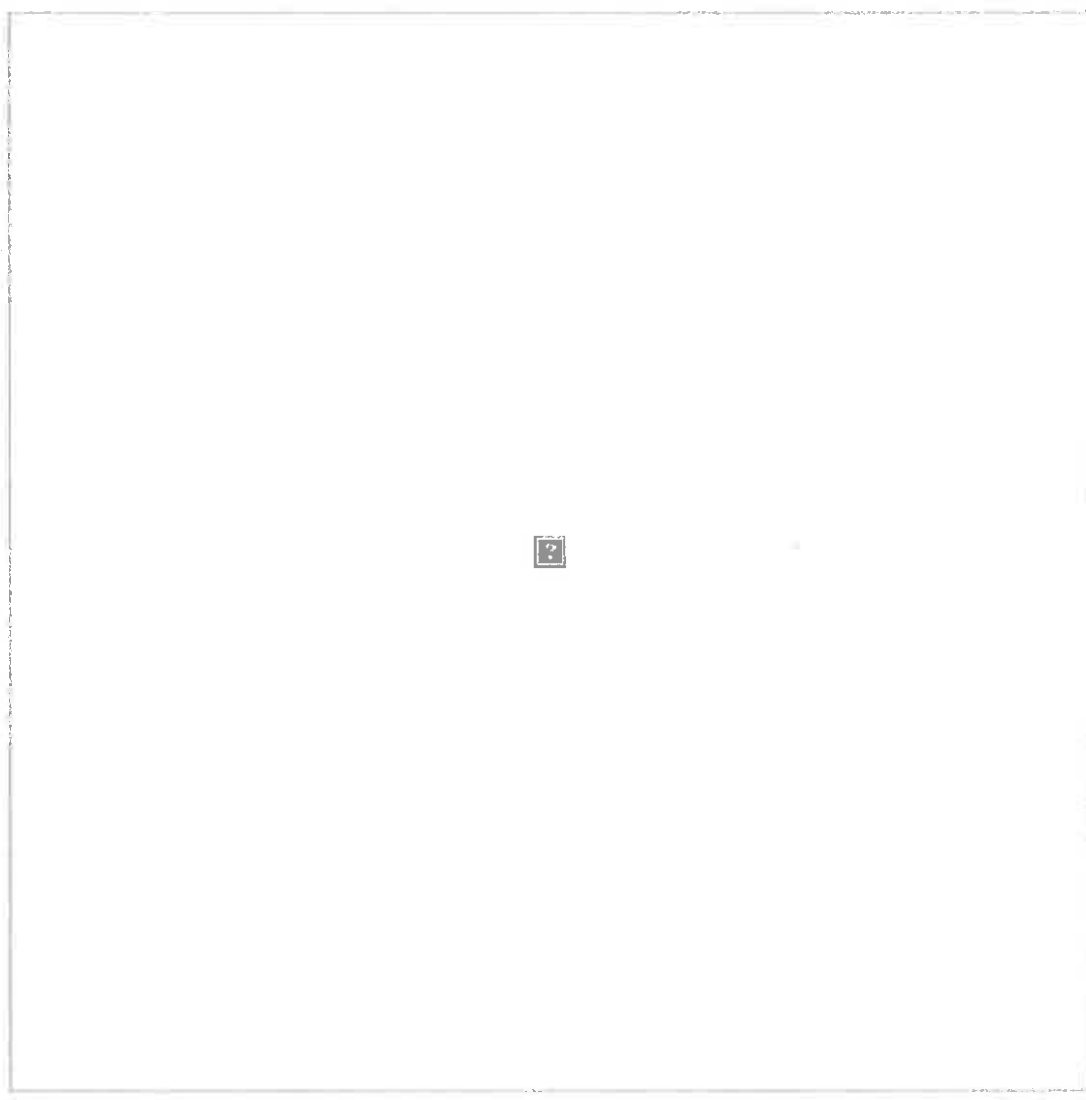
Currently, homeowners receive a tax exemption on the first \$25,000 in value of their properties and pay the taxes on the value between \$25,000-\$50,000, then receive an additional exemption on the portion from \$50,000-\$75,000. This amendment asks voters whether they wish to apply an additional non-school exemption to the portion of the values between \$100,000-\$125,000. The proposal will result in significant cuts to county governments. This resolution passed both chambers and will appear on the 2018 ballot.

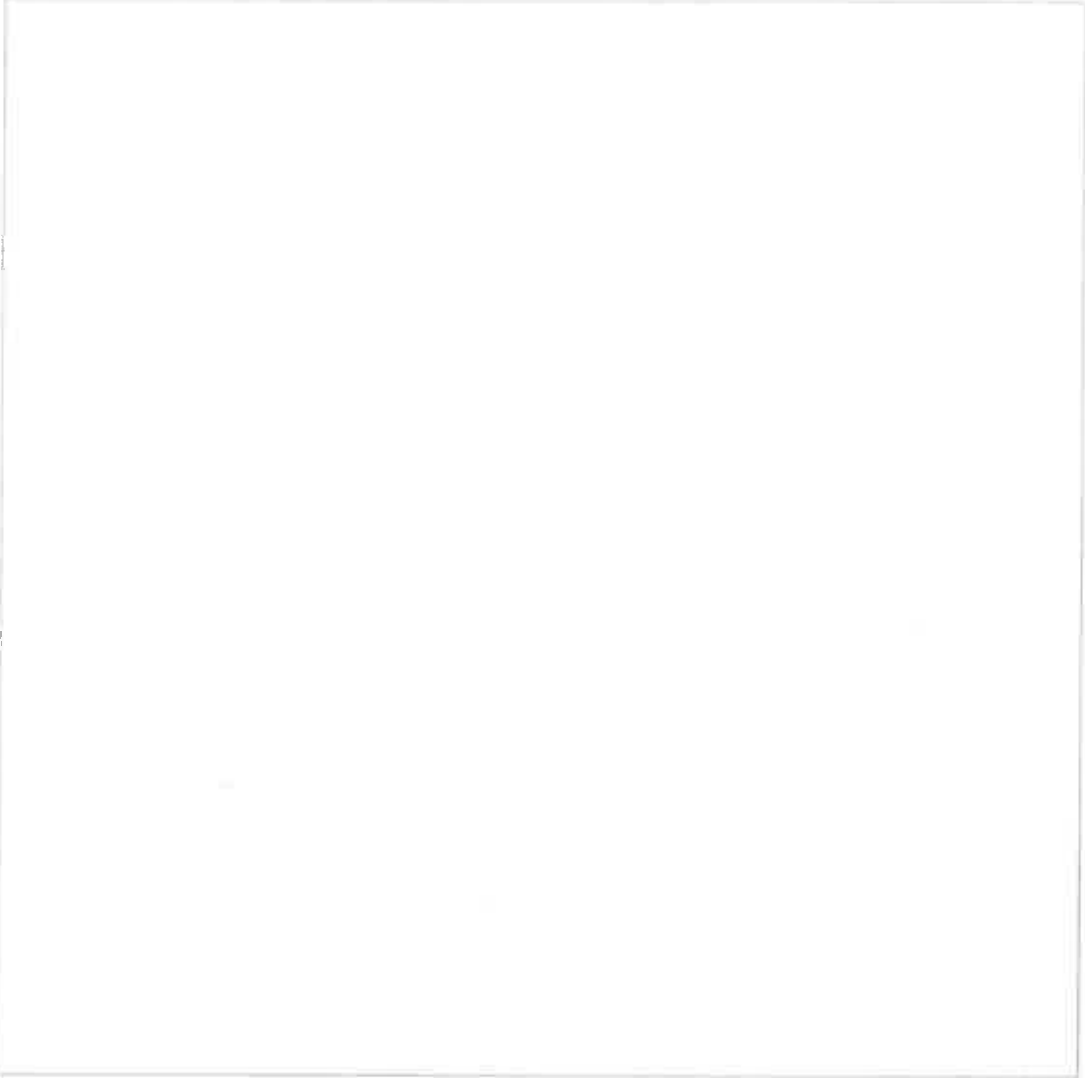
HJR 21- Limitations on Property Tax Assessments

HJR 21 would permanently extend a 10 percent limit or cap on annual assessment increases for commercial properties, which is currently scheduled to sunset. This

resolution passed both chambers and will appear on the 2018 ballot.







I look forward to speaking with you and seeing you at the various meetings, clubs, events, and activities throughout the next couple of months. Bringing you an update on legislative session is important to me as it is your right to know what happens with your taxpayer money.

Should you have any questions about any of the details contained within the newsletter, or any other item, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office.

All the best,



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: June 2, 2017

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From: Florida Association of School Administrators
To: McDougal, Kim
Subject: FASA Urges Gov. Scott To Veto HB 7069
Date: Thursday, May 18, 2017 10:26:54 AM



May 18, 2017

The Honorable Rick Scott
Governor, State of Florida
The Capitol, Plaza Level 5
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

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Juhan's signature



Juhan Mixon, Ed.D.
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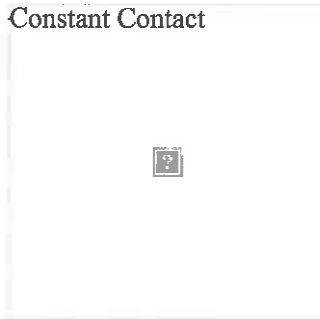
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Subject: FASA Veto Letter
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Attachments: [FASA Veto Letter FINAL.pdf](#)

Good morning!

Attached is a letter from the Florida Association of School Administrators (FASA) asking that the Governor veto HB 7069. FASA staff is hand delivering a copy of the letter to the plaza level this morning as well.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

~ Jessica

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From: Nikki Sutton
To: Governor Rick Scott; McDougal, Kim; Spicola, Ashley
Cc: Bob Cerra; John Cerra; Dr. Gene Cash
Subject: FASP Urges Governor Scott to Veto HB 7069
Date: Friday, May 19, 2017 10:26:23 AM
Attachments: HB 7069 Veto Letter - Governor Christ.pdf

Governor Scott,

Please see attached a letter on behalf of the Florida Association of School Psychologists (FASP) urging you to veto HB 7069. Thank you!

Nikki T. Sutton, Psy.D., M.A., NCSP
President
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The information contained in this communication is provided for informational purposes only and should not be interpreted as representing the Florida Association of School Psychologists (FASP) or an official position of FASP unless specifically designated by the sender or the content of this message.

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From: Commissioner Stewart
Subject: FSA Grade 10 ELA and Algebra 1 EOC Passing Lists
Date: Friday, June 26, 2015 10:52:09 AM
Attachments: [Algebra 1 Percent Passing by District v2.xlsx](#)
[Grade 10 ELA Percent Passing by District v2.xlsx](#)

Dear Superintendents,

The passing information for the Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) Grade 10 English Language Arts (ELA) and Algebra 1 EOC is now available for district download via the secure ShareFile website with unique logins/passwords. As provided in House Bill 7069 and the changes to s. 1008.34(7)(c), F.S., we are providing student performance on the 2014-15 Grade 10 English Language Arts (ELA) and Algebra 1 End-of-Course (EOC) statewide assessments that are linked to 2013-14 student performance expectations. The following files are available:

District-Level File for each subject

If students in your district participated in the Grade 10 FSA ELA or the FSA Algebra 1 EOC assessment, you will receive a file for each subject that includes student identification information and score flags (reported, invalidated, etc.), as well as a passing indicator for all students.

Passing List by District for each subject

If a student or students in your district passed the Grade 10 FSA ELA or the FSA Algebra 1 EOC assessment, you will receive a district list for each subject that contains information for these students only.

Passing List by School for each subject

If you receive a district passing list, you will also receive additional list(s) by school.

The Bureau of K-12 Student Assessment has provided your District Assessment Coordinator with detailed instructions for retrieving files from the ShareFile site with the appropriate passwords. Please note that this information is being released to the district only; your district assessment coordinator will be able to share information with your schools, as appropriate.

As a reminder, students who do not meet the graduation requirement will still have additional opportunities to retake the respective test. These students will continue to be held to the previous standard linked to spring 2014 performance on statewide assessments, even after new passing scores are set this fall. Also as a reminder, students may also use comparative scores for Algebra 1 and concordant scores for Grade 10 FSA ELA to meet the assessment graduation requirement. A comparative score of 97 on the PERT mathematics assessment can be used to meet the FSA Algebra 1 graduation requirement. A concordant SAT Reading score of 430 or a concordant ACT Reading score of 19 can be used to meet the FSA ELA Grade 10 graduation requirement. These concordant and comparative scores will remain in effect for this cohort, even after new concordant and comparative scores are set in the coming year.

If you have questions about this release, please contact Dr. Qian Liu, our Director of Scoring and Reporting, at qian.liu@fldoe.org or 850-245-0867.

Sincerely,

Pam Stewart

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From: Ruth Melton
To: McDougal, Kim
Subject: FSBA Legislative Alert
Date: Friday, May 5, 2017 6:53:45 PM



FYI-- The FSBA Legislative Alert below was sent to school board members earlier this evening.

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May 5, 2017

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From: Ruth Melton
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Date: Sunday, May 7, 2017 6:23:37 PM

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FSBA Newsletter - May 2015

FSBA Annual Summer Conference



The FSBA Annual Summer Conference is scheduled for June 10-12, 2015, in Tampa. This conference provides an opportunity for school board members, superintendents, district staff, and others to network, gain needed insight into the issues and events impacting education, and access valuable professional development opportunities. One of the featured speakers at the conference is Dr. Stephen Peters. Dr. Peters has an impressive record of creating and sustaining success in schools and districts and is the founder of nationally recognized programs that provide options for thousands of at-risk and honor students. We hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to hear from Dr. Peters and from the other interesting and knowledgeable presenters at the Annual Summer Conference. Please note that the deadline for online registration for this important conference is June 1, 2015.

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FSBA Strategic Planning

Don't miss your opportunity to be part of a highly engaging, results-driven strategic planning process at the Annual Summer Conference! You will be immersed in a Strength-Based Approach to Strategic Planning & Implementation that utilizes the Appreciative Inquiry 4-D Model. This program is offered by Collaborative Labs at St. Petersburg College, celebrating its 10th successful year. Collaborative Labs specializes in the design, facilitation and documentation of highly interactive and dynamic strategic sessions. All participants will learn how to stay engaged in the multi-phased Strategic Planning Process the FSBA will undertake in 2015. This is your opportunity to have input into the future goals and direction of FSBA, as well as apply innovative strategic planning techniques in your own school districts.

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Bylaws and Procedures Amendments for Consideration

At the next General Membership Meeting, scheduled for Thursday, June 11, 2015, in Tampa, the FSBA Bylaws and Procedures Committee will be introducing a COMPLETELY REORGANIZED format for the FSBA Bylaws and Operating Procedures Manual. In addition a number of proposed amendments to the revised Bylaws and Procedures will be presented for consideration. Please be sure to review the proposed changes in advance of these meetings, to watch our video tutorials (under 5 minutes each), and to attend one of our Proposed Changes to Bylaws and Procedures conversations.

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FSBA Legislative Session Summary

FSBA's Legislative Session Summary has normally provided a comprehensive analysis of the education budget and detailed summaries of the education related legislation that passed during the session. This year, because of the delay in the adoption of a state budget, FSBA has had to present our Legislative Session Summary in two separate booklets. Part I provides summaries of the education related bills that were passed during the regular Session and this portion of our Session Summary has been posted on the FSBA website on our 2015 Session Resource Center page.

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FSBA Education Legislation Webinars

Because of the absence of a state budget and the timing for the Special Session, FSBA has revised how we will be conducting our popular Legislative Session Review Workshops. In place of some of our usual on-site workshops, we have scheduled two Education Legislation Webinars designed to provide information on the education related bills that passed. The first webinar will be devoted to HB 7069 and the changes to Florida's system of assessment and accountability. The second webinar will present an overview of several other education related bills that passed during the 2015 Legislative Session. In addition to FSBA staff, district lobbyists will be available during both of these webinars to assist with the presentations and to answer your questions. These webinars are free of charge, but we ask those wishing to participate in either or both of these webinars to complete a registration form.

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Professional Development

Four (4) school board members will be receiving their Certified Board Member distinction at the Annual Summer Conference in June. Please join us in congratulating Danny Glover (Taylor), Jane Goodwin (Sarasota), Shirley Owens (Holmes) and Cindy Stuart (Hillsborough). Board members must earn 96 points (96 hours of training) in 12 curricular areas to earn this distinction.

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From: Ruth Melton
To: [McDougal, Kim](#)
Subject: FSBA Session Spotlight -- June 2, 2017
Date: Friday, June 2, 2017 5:19:51 PM



Ladies and Gentlemen:

The latest issue of the ***FSBA Session Spotlight*** is now available -- please click **HERE** to access it. This issue discusses Governor Scott's decision to veto the FEFP line item in the budget and to call a Special Session of the Legislature for next week. In addition, this issue provides an update on the status of HB 7069.

I hope you find this issue of the Session Spotlight useful. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Ruth

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From: Ruth Melton
To: [McDougal, Kim](#)
Subject: FSBA Session Spotlight -- May 8, 2017
Date: Monday, May 8, 2017 10:08:26 PM



Ladies and Gentlemen:

Monday's issue of the ***FSBA Session Spotlight*** is now available! Please click **HERE** to access it. This issue discusses the outcome of the Legislature's final consideration of the Conference Reports on the state budget and related bill, particularly the education funding conforming bill - HB 7069 -- and provides information about the FSBA Legislative Session Summary and upcoming Legislative Review Workshops and Webinars.

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From: Lewis, McKinley
To: Press
Subject: FW: Florida Lawmakers to Vote on Job Killing Legislation Tomorrow
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2017 6:26:49 PM

We are drafting tweets now.

McKinley P. Lewis
 Deputy Communications Director
 Office of Governor Rick Scott
 (813) 469-4538

From: Governor's Press Office
Sent: Thursday, March 9, 2017 6:22 PM
Subject: Florida Lawmakers to Vote on Job Killing Legislation Tomorrow



Florida Lawmakers to Vote on Job Killing Legislation Tomorrow

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Tomorrow, members of the Florida House of Representatives will vote on HB 7005, a bill which eliminates a large majority of Florida's economic development and jobs programs. The State of Florida relies heavily on these programs to diversify and strengthen our economy by attracting targeted industries and good, high-paying jobs that improve the lives of Florida families.

Below, please see a list of current members that have supported economic development programs, including Enterprise Florida, through various bills from 2011-2016, that are eliminated in HB 7005:

Member	HB 1325: Economic Development (2016)	HB 7067: Economic Development (2015)	HB 5401: Economic Development (2015)	HB 4013: Tax Refund Programs (2013)	HB 5601: Economic Development (2013)	HB 7087: Economic Development (2012)	HB 7089: Economic Development Tax Refund Programs (2012)	HB 879: Targeted Economic Development (SB 2156) (2011)
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Ahern		Y		Y		Y	Y	Y
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Avila		Y						
Berman				Y		Y	Y	
Beshears	Y	Y						
Bileca		Y		Y				
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Edwards	Y							
Eisnugle	Y	Y				Y	Y	Y
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Gonzalez	Y	Y			Y			
Goodson	Y	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y
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Lee	Y							
Magar		Y		Y				
McGhee	Y							
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Miller, M.	Y	Y						
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Pritchett	Y			Y				
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Richardson	Y		Y	Y				
Santiago	Y	Y						
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Sprowls		Y						
Stafford	Y		Y					
Stark	Y							
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Stone	Y	Y		Y				
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Below is a list of programs that are eliminated in HB 7005:

- Enterprise Florida, Inc.
- Florida Defense Alliance
- Florida Small Business Development Center Network
- Quick Response Training Program
- Institute for the Commercialization of Public Research
- Capital Investment Tax Credit
- State of Florida International Offices
- Qualified Defense Contractor and Space Flight Business Tax Refund Program
- Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund Program
- Brownfield Redevelopment Bonus Refunds
- High Impact Business Performance Incentive
- Quick Action Closing Fund
- Innovation Incentive Program
- Marketing and Image Campaign Enterprise Florida, Inc.
- Florida Small Business Technology Growth Program
- Florida Capital Formation Act
- Florida Opportunity Fund Creation and Duties
- Microfinance Guarantee Program
- Urban High-Crime Area Jobs Tax Credit Program

- New Market Development Program
- New Market Tax Credit
- Limited sales and use tax exemption for education-related purchases
- Entertainment Industry Tax Credit
- Office of Film and Entertainment
- Florida Film and Entertainment Industry Advisory Council
- Entertainment industry qualified production companies
- International Game Fish Association World Center Facility
- Florida Technology Seed Capital Fund
- Economic Development Transportation Projects
- SEED Trust Fund
- Tourism Promotional Trust Fund
- Florida International Trade and Promotion Trust Fund

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From: Schutz, Jackie
To: [Bustamante, Jeri](#)
Cc: [Sunburst](#)
Subject: FW: Gov. Scott Signs Legislation to Reduce Tests
Date: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 10:43:00 AM

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From: Governor's Press Office
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 10:37 AM
Subject: Gov. Scott Signs Legislation to Reduce Tests



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From: Schutz, Jackie
To: "McGrory, Kathleen"
Cc: Sunburst
Subject: FW: Gov. Scott Signs Legislation to Reduce Tests
Date: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 10:40:18 AM

From: Governor's Press Office
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 10:37 AM
Subject: Gov. Scott Signs Legislation to Reduce Tests



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 14, 2015

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From: Schenone, Lauren
To: [Schutz, Jackie](#); [Lewis, McKinley](#)
Subject: FW: HB 7069
Date: Friday, May 19, 2017 10:15:48 AM

We're handling. McK called gary

From: Fineout, Gary [mailto:GFineout@ap.org]
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2017 10:04 AM
To: Lewis, McKinley <McKinley.Lewis@eog.myflorida.com>
Cc: Schenone, Lauren <Lauren.Schenone@eog.myflorida.com>; Schutz, Jackie <Jackie.Schutz@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: HB 7069

Good morning.

I am asking for some information from your Citizen Services offices regarding HB 7069.

First off, I would like to get updated numbers on how many people have emailed/written the governor either for or against the bill.

But additionally I would like to see some of the correspondence from people who are in support of the legislation.

I don't know what your process is on that these days. In the past, one could go to Citizen Services and look at it. Or maybe the emails are all in Sunburst.

Please let me know.

Thanks
Gary Fineout
The Associated Press

From: Schutz, Jackie
To: _Press
Cc: Sunburst
Subject: FW: Have any op-eds run?
Date: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 11:39:36 AM

Please keep a look out for these.

From: Collins, Meghan [mailto:Meghan.Collins@fldoe.org]
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 11:31 AM
To: Schutz, Jackie
Cc: Sunburst
Subject: RE: Have any op-eds run?

The Orlando Sentinel will run the chair's (Marca Johnson) oped tomorrow.

From: Collins, Meghan
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 9:57 AM
To: 'Schutz, Jackie'
Cc: 'Sunburst'
Subject: RE: Have any op-eds run?

Mr. Padget's ran in the Key West Citizen: <http://keysnews.com/node/66981>.

From: Collins, Meghan
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 8:48 AM
To: 'Schutz, Jackie'
Cc: Sunburst
Subject: RE: Have any op-eds run?

Yes, see below. We received confirmation that John Paget's would run in the Miami Herald, but I haven't seen it yet. Looking into it and will update you.

1. Gary Chartrand in The Florida Times-Union: <http://jacksonville.com/opinion/letters-readers/2015-05-22/story/lead-letter-make-floridas-students-high-priority>

From: Schutz, Jackie [mailto:Jackie.Schutz@eog.myflorida.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 8:21 AM
To: Collins, Meghan
Cc: Sunburst
Subject: Have any op-eds run?

From: Schutz, Jackie
To: Press
Cc: Sunburst
Subject: FW: Have any op-eds run?
Date: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 8:48:46 AM

Please alert

From: Collins, Meghan [mailto:Meghan.Collins@fldoe.org]
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 8:48 AM
To: Schutz, Jackie
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Subject: RE: Have any op-eds run?

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To: Collins, Meghan
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Subject: Have any op-eds run?

From: Schutz, Jackie
To: [Press](#)
Cc: [Sunburst](#)
Subject: FW: Hi Jackie: Is tomorrow the day? For HB 7069?
Date: Wednesday, June 14, 2017 3:12:07 PM

From: John Kennedy [mailto:jkennedyreport@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2017 3:12 PM
To: Schutz, Jackie <Jackie.Schutz@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: Hi Jackie: Is tomorrow the day? For HB 7069?

Can you hint where/when? For planning purps....

Thanks!

From: Gary Chartrand
To: McDougal, Kim; kim.mcdougal@laspbs.sl.us; Kim.mcdougal@laspbs.state.fl.us
Subject: FW: KIPP reply to Cynthia Kelly letter, re: ROI
Date: Friday, July 31, 2015 3:37:27 PM
Attachments: [KIPP ROI reply 073015.pdf](#)

Thought this would be of interest to you. We need more KIPP schools in Florida not more charters in the suburbs.

Gary Chartrand, Executive Chairman
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— Aristotle



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July 30, 2015

Cynthia Kelly
Director, Office of Policy and Budget
Office of the Governor
The Capitol
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Ms. Kelly:

Thank you for your letter dated July 17th, 2015. On behalf of the KIPP Jacksonville Board of Directors, I am pleased to share our historical and forecasted return on investment (ROI) for the State of Florida's budget appropriation to KIPP Jacksonville Schools.

KIPP Background

KIPP is a national network of free, open-enrollment, non-profit, college-preparatory public schools dedicated to preparing students in underserved communities for success in college and life. There are 183 KIPP schools across 20 states serving 70,000 students. Founded in 2010, KIPP Jacksonville's mission is to prepare our students with the knowledge, skills, habits and character necessary to succeed in college and life. Through the success of our students, KIPP Jacksonville aims to serve as a model of excellence and collaborate with others to raise the quality of education in Jacksonville and the state of Florida. Governor Scott signed his first bill into law during KIPP's founding year in March 2011.

In 2015-16, KIPP Jacksonville will be comprised of three schools serving 820 students across grades K-8 from Jacksonville's North and Westside, our region's most educationally underserved community. Over 1,200 students are on our waitlist. Approximately 95% of KIPP Jacksonville students are African-American and 90% qualify for free/reduced lunch.

The nine neighborhood middle schools serving the North and Westside of Jacksonville, predominantly comprised of low-income, African-American children, are all rated D or F by the Florida Department of Education. In elementary school, only 34% of 3rd-grade students from the North and Westside read at grade level in the 2014 reading FCAT. Across Florida, only 39% of the state's 48,000 3rd-grade African-American students read at grade level.

The state appropriation is complemented by significant private fundraising efforts that support KIPP Jacksonville's extended learning time and the renovation/construction of its academic campus. Since its founding, KIPP Jacksonville has raised over \$10 million from local philanthropists and companies, who are seeking a return on investment for their donation. KIPP donors pursue an ROI for both the children that KIPP directly serves and also for the city of Jacksonville as a whole, where improvement to our system of public education (particularly in our urban core) is a large, untapped opportunity.

Return on Investment

There is marked room for improvement in academic achievement among low-income students in Florida, and African-American students in particular. KIPP Jacksonville has produced an ROI in two distinct ways.

First, KIPP Jacksonville students greatly benefit from extended learning time offered at our schools. All students participate in KIPP's extended learning time. Elementary students are in school from 8am to 4:30pm, while the middle school day is from 7:45am-4:40pm. The KIPP school year is two weeks longer than mandated. This adds to hundreds more hours per year of classroom instruction versus other public schools. With a longer school day, KIPP students receive daily arts and PE instruction, and have more time dedicated to literacy, math, history, and science. The cost of the extended learning time is partially funded through the state appropriation, the remainder through private fundraising.

As a result of our extended learning time, KIPP Impact Middle School has been the highest performing middle school serving the North and Westside of Jacksonville since 2012. Its most recent school grade was two full grades higher than any of its peer neighborhood middle schools. Over the past three years (2012-14), KIPP student growth in reading and math ranked second across all middle schools in Duval County - higher than all but one of the Duval's academically selective magnet schools. **Overall, KIPP students are growing 30-40% more per year in reading and math versus peer students in the North and Westside.** In addition, KIPP's VAM (Value Added Model) is #1 across all schools in North and Central Florida serving a majority African-American student population.

KIPP has also excelled in the arts. The KIPP band was one of only two middle school bands in all of Duval County to earn the highest rating of "superior" at an annual music performance assessment, where bands are rated by judges.

In addition, KIPP Jacksonville's elementary students rank among the highest performing students in the national KIPP network, based on common assessments administered to students in reading and math in primary years. Our elementary program began in 2012-13 with a founding class of 100 kindergarteners. In the spring of 2016, this cohort will take state assessments for the first time. It is our expectation that our students will significantly exceed current state achievement rates for African-American students (39% of Florida third-grade African-American students reading at grade level in 2014, 41% in math).

The return on investment from this markedly increased rate of student achievement can be measured in multiple ways. Ultimately, KIPP is working with families to grow children into productive citizens that lead fulfilling, choice-filled lives. They will be more likely to graduate high school and college, and thus more likely to be employed and earn more income. As a result of increased educational attainment, they will be less likely to interact with the social welfare or criminal justice systems. KIPP students will hold jobs and be in the position to create jobs.

KIPP Jacksonville also produces an indirect return on investment, which fulfills the second part of our mission. KIPP aims to serve as a model of excellence and collaborate with others to raise the quality of education in Jacksonville and Florida. To date, four Florida educational leaders have completed the KIPP Leadership Design Fellowship (KLDF), which is managed by the national KIPP Foundation. KLDF is an eight-month program designed for administrators of public school districts, charter school systems, and leadership training organizations to provide intensive, experiential, and collaborative training on KIPP's school leader development model.

In 2013, the Chief Academic Officer and Chief Human Resources Officer of Duval County Public Schools completed the KLDF. In 2014-2015, two leaders within the Florida Department of Education completed the Fellowship. Overall, leaders from 71 organizations (districts, states, charter management organizations, and talent organizations) across the nation have participated in the program to-date. Through KLDF, KIPP Jacksonville generates return on investment by building capacity within Florida to replicate KIPP strategies that drive achievement.

Further, KIPP Jacksonville hosts academic leaders at its campus to share best school practices. For example, in the spring of 2015, a principal from Boulware Springs Charter School, a Title I school in Gainesville, spent the day at our elementary school. Over the years, we have informally hosted superintendents, state legislators, principals, and teachers at KIPP numerous times. The practices at KIPP which are creating ROI for our students and families can be shared with others to positively impact children across Florida.

Future ROI and Conclusion

KIPP Jacksonville aims to grow its return on investment by serving more children and by increasing the number of external visits to its schools. KIPP Jacksonville is experiencing surging parent demand, with a waitlist of over 1,200 students. KIPP Jacksonville is growing to meet this demand - total enrollment will increase from 670 students in 2014-15 to an estimated 820 in 2015-16, 1,020 in 2016-17 and 1,220 in 2017-18. Our cumulative ROI will grow based on this increased capacity, as we expand steadily while maintaining existing rates of student achievement. We also aim to increase the number of external visits to our schools, as we are delighted to share our best practices with fellow educators.

KIPP's mission is grounded on providing a return on investment to our students, our city, and our state. At its core, KIPP generates ROI by providing great teaching and more of it. The state appropriation allows KIPP to offer our at-risk students more time on task, and more high-quality learning. This translates to student achievement which leads Florida and an increased interest from state educators to explore our model, spreading best practices across Florida.

If you have any questions on the above, please feel free to contact me at tom@kippjax.org or at (904) 683-6643 x130.

Best regards,



Tom Majdanics
Executive Director
KIPP Jacksonville Schools

From: Chris Doolin
To: [McDougal, Kim](#)
Cc: [Spicola, Ashley](#)
Subject: FW: Legislature Passes Education Accountability Legislation - HB 7069 on way to Governor
Date: Thursday, April 9, 2015 4:40:03 PM

See below – if the Gov is going to do a splash signing – let me know in advance – and I will gather either comments or people.

Chris Doolin

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Vice – President – Robert P. Jones & Associates
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E-mail – cdoolin@nettally.com

From: Chris Doolin [<mailto:cdoolin@nettally.com>]
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2015 4:37 PM
Subject: Legislature Passes Education Accountability Legislation - HB 7069 on way to Governor

The House and Senate have passed the Educational Accountability bill that provides a number of positive changes requested regarding reduction of assessments, use of test results, modification of School Start date, % of teachers evaluation determined by student assessment scores and other issues.

Attached is a section by section analysis of the bill prepared by Joy Frank, General Counsel to FADSS.

Embedded below is the bill texts and additional information provided on the bill page of the House of Representatives.

All in all these are positive actions that will provide districts with more flexibility and to a degree less testing.

[HB 7069 - Educational Accountability - Bill Text](#)

[Information Page for HB 7069 - Educational Accountability](#)

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From: Moulton, Diane
To: Piepenbrink, Brad
Subject: FW: Letter for Gov. Rick Scott
Date: Tuesday, March 20, 2018 7:19:58 AM

FYI

From: Gary Chartrand [mailto:gchartrand@acosta.com]
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2018 11:34 PM
To: Moulton, Diane <Diane.Moulton@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: Fwd: Letter for Gov. Rick Scott

Diane, can you please make sure the Gov. Gets this. We are asking for the Governors support to draw down FEDERAL FUNDS (no strings attached) for Beach restoration for north Ponte Vedra Beach. Explanation below.
I will call the Gov tomorrow . Thanks

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: maryellen darretta <medarretta@me.com>
Date: March 19, 2018 at 2:05:37 PM MDT
To: Gary Chartrand <gchartrand@acosta.com>
Subject: Letter for Gov. Rick Scott

Dear Gary,

By way of background, we have met with Mike Wanchick , Cty Administrator, St Johns Cty. They are our project's sponsor. We (PVB critically eroded representatives) have met with Wes Brooks (Sen. Rubio's office), Abby Tinsley (Sen. Nelson office), and Jenifer Nawrocki (Rep. Rutherford.'s office). All are actively engaged with the Corps. We understand there are a lot of people fighting for a small amount (approx \$135m) of money. We really need the support of our Governor. We have two (2) asks:

FEDERAL LEVEL

#1-We are asking that the governor request funding be made available and allocated to initiate a new "expedited" feasibility study and construction for the St. Johns County Coastal Storm Risk Management (CSRM) North Ponte Vedra Beach segment. This is the project submitted by the JAX Corps District office to the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Civil Works, R.D. James. This request is consistent with the federal offices' messaging.

This request would be funded under the Bi-Partition Budget Act of 2018-Public Law 115-123 (H.R. 1892), which designated additional supplemental funds for disaster response and recovery.

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Maryellen Darretta

medarretta@me.com

609.731.9809

From: Moulton, Diane
To: Kiernan, Christopher
Cc: Piepenbrink, Brad
Subject: FW: Letter for Gov. Rick Scott
Date: Tuesday, March 20, 2018 1:54:17 PM

Gary Chartrand left a voice mail about this. I have forwarded to Brad for his review/handling.

From: Gary Chartrand [mailto:gchartrand@acosta.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2018 11:18 AM
To: Moulton, Diane <Diane.Moulton@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: Re: Letter for Gov. Rick Scott

Thanks Diane , I am well and hope you are too . Not sure how you keep up w Rick , he is a busy guy.
Anyway I left him a vm a few minutes ago .
Thanks for getting his attention on this

Sent from my iPhone

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On Mar 20, 2018, at 5:19 AM, Moulton, Diane <Diane.Moulton@eog.myflorida.com> wrote:

Will do. Hope you're doing well!

From: Gary Chartrand [mailto:gchartrand@acosta.com]
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2018 11:34 PM
To: Moulton, Diane <Diane.Moulton@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: Fwd: Letter for Gov. Rick Scott

Diane, can you please make sure the Gov. Gets this. We are asking for the Governors support to draw down FEDERAL FUNDS (no strings attached) for Beach restoration for north Ponte Vedra Beach. Explanation below.
I will call the Gov tomorrow . Thanks

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: maryellen darretta <medarretta@me.com>
Date: March 19, 2018 at 2:05:37 PM MDT
To: Gary Chartrand <gchartrand@acosta.com>
Subject: Letter for Gov. Rick Scott

Dear Gary,

By way of background, we have met with Mike Wanchick , Cty Administrator, St Johns Cty. They are our project's sponsor. We (PVB critically eroded representatives) have met with Wes Brooks (Sen. Rubio's office), Abby Tinsley (Sen. Nelson office), and Jenifer Nawrocki (Rep. Rutherford.'s office). All are actively engaged with the Corps. We understand there are a lot of people fighting for a small amount (approx \$135m) of money. We really need the support of our Governor. We have two (2) asks:

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From: Postal, Leslie
To: Schutz, Jackie
Subject: FW: MEDIA ADVISORY - Florida Standards Assessment Review Selection Panel Meeting Notice
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2015 2:38:32 PM

Hi Jackie. Who is on this committee besides Dr. Joe Joyner?
Thanks,

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From: Governor's Press Office [mailto:Governor'sPressOffice@eog.myflorida.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2015 2:03 PM
Subject: MEDIA ADVISORY - Florida Standards Assessment Review Selection Panel Meeting Notice

For Immediate Release
May 14, 2015

Contact: media@eog.myflorida.com
(850) 717-9282

MEDIA ADVISORY

Florida Standards Assessment Review Selection Panel Meeting Notice

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — On Friday, May 15, 2015, the Florida Standards Review Selection Panel will be holding its first meeting via conference call.

CS/HB 7069, signed by Governor Scott on April 14, 2015, called for a three-person selection panel to choose a vendor to conduct a third party review of the 2014-2015 Florida Standards Assessment. The panel will hold an organizational meeting to discuss and adopt a scope of work for the review, a list of qualified entities, and a timeline for completion of the work. The panel must select an independent entity no later than June 1, 2015.

WHAT: Meeting

WHEN: Friday, May 15, 2015 at 8:00 AM

WHERE: Via Telephone: (877) 299-4502
Passcode: 763 100 80 #

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From: Stephen Wise
To: Piepenbrink, Brad
Subject: FW: Re: [Spam:***** SpamScore] Gary Chartrand appointment
Date: Monday, February 16, 2015 8:16:51 AM

Brad:

I will be in Tallahassee on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Could I meet with you on Tuesday around 4 PM or anytime on Wednesday? I am a morning person and would be available early on Wednesday morning. I will be leaving Tallahassee around 3:30. I would like to talk with you about Gary Chartrand and his appointment to the State Board of Education as well as my appointment to the Education Commission of the States. Thanks so much for your consideration of this request. There was a wonderful article about Gary in the Sunday issue of the Florida Times-Union. The article was on the front page and covered the entire page on page 4. This does not happen very often and it is worth reading.

Steve

This is a forwarded message

From: "McDougal, Kim" <Kim.McDougal@eog.myflorida.com>

To: srwise@att.net;

Dated: 2/13/2015 9:32:58 AM

Subject: Re: [Spam:***** SpamScore] Gary Chartrand appointment

Great to hear from you.i hope you are doing well...I forwarded this email to brad pipenbrink who handles appointments for the Governor..Gary is a great guy and truly cares about ensuring our education system continues to improve..

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 13, 2015, at 8:31 AM, Stephen Wise <srwise@att.net> wrote:

Kim:

I had lunch with Gary Chartrand last Friday and we were discussing about the Florida Department of Education and what a difficult task that he has as Chair of the Board of Education. He then told me he is waiting for the Governor to make the appointments to the Board. I told him I would talk with you about this matter and see when the Governor will begin the

appointment process the Board of Education.

That was the purpose of my call. Thanks for your consideration on this matter.

Lastly, I want to congratulate you on your job as Deputy Chief of Staff and Legislative Affairs Director. What an awesome opportunity for you. You always did a wonderful job working with the members of the Legislature and you really know what needs to be done in that process. You will be great asset to the Governor.

Have a wonderful day and I look forward to your reply.

Steve

From: Gary Chartrand
To: McDougal, Kim; kim.mcdougal@laspbs.fl.us
Subject: FW: Statewide Info on TFA
Date: Friday, August 14, 2015 12:10:15 PM
Attachments: [TFA Talk Points Statewide Investment.docx](#)

Kim , per you VM after the Gov. vetoed the TFA appropriation I am forwarding a one pager on the benefits and ROI of TFA. Currently 17 states fund TFA and in all cases as in Florida there is a significant private fund raise as well. Personally I have donated over \$1m to the Duval County TFA organization. The private sector in Jacksonville has donated significantly to the success of TFA, as well as the district. Currently DCPS contributes \$1.2M toward TFA. The TFA corp members are dedicated, smart, and very well educated . Attracting these your folks t our state is a smart investment in Fl. Future.

I am happy to talk directly to the Gov. on this .

Thank you

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TEACHFORAMERICA

General Facts:

- Teach For America recruits and develops a diverse corps of outstanding college graduates and professionals to make an initial two-year commitment to teach in high-need schools and become lifelong leaders in the movement to end educational inequity.
 - From over 44,000 applications, TFA admitted 15% into the 2015 national class of corps members. This class has an average GPA of 3.42, includes more than 50 student body presidents, and nearly 60 are U.S. Military veterans.
- Most corps members had not previously considered a career in education, yet nearly two thirds of TFA alumni still work in that field today. Nationally, our alumni include 11,200 teachers, 930 principals, 247 school system leaders, and 90 elected officials.
- Teach For America corps members have a higher first year retention rate than new teachers nation-wide—*despite teaching in the hardest-to-staff schools.*

Florida Specific Facts:

- Teach For America has worked in collaboration with Florida communities for more than 10 years, directly infusing talent into persistently low-achieving and hard-to-staff schools, improving educational outcomes for students, and serving as a leadership pipeline that helps create long-lasting, transformational change.
- Over 750 TFA teachers (corps members and alumni) lead classrooms in Florida, impacting over 50,000 students daily.
 - Corps members are placed in Duval, Miami-Dade, and Orange counties through strategic district partnerships.
 - Teach For America alumni continue to teach all across the state, from urban centers like Hillsborough County to rural areas such as Madison County.
 - In total, over 1,100 TFA corps members and alums now call Florida home, with nearly 70% still working education.
- In Miami-Dade and Duval counties, 95% of principals at partner schools report their corps members are having an equal or greater impact on student achievement than more experienced teachers.
- Independent research has consistently found TFA—Florida teachers have a significant impact on student achievement.
 - Duval County students demonstrated increased learning in reading and literacy skills during the years they were taught by TFA teachers, compared to years when they were taught by non-TFA teachers (veteran and novice).
 - Miami-Dade County students taught by TFA corps members demonstrated more than 3 months of additional learning in math over the course of one year, relative to the typical learning these students experience.
- TFA—Florida is able to leverage all dollars invested at the state level and generate at least a 1:1 match from the private sector. This public-private partnership essentially acts like a 401k for the state when it comes to investing towards the goal of educational equity.

Return on Investment from State Funding:

During FY15, Florida was one of 17 states making a strategic investment in TFA. This decision sent a bold signal to states like Texas, North Carolina, and Mississippi (each investing at least \$4 million in TFA during FY15) that Florida is committed to being a leader in the pursuit of educational equity and also provided immediate returns in a number of areas. Because of state investment:

- A new TFA region (TFA—Orlando) opened in Florida for the first time since 2008.
- A strategic partnership formed with the University of Central Florida.
- Florida DOE staff participated in three site visits, including one to the national corps member training institute in Houston, Texas. The TFA-DOE partnership is resulting in best practices being shared with districts and colleges across the state.
- TFA—Florida regions were able to increase programmatic support in STEM subjects, with a particular focus on increasing student achievement in secondary math. This resulted in students of TFA teachers demonstrating significant gains in math.
- TFA—Florida raised over \$6.7 million in private funding, providing more than a 100% return on the state's investment.
- TFA—Florida alumni engagement is stronger than ever. Recent alumni partnerships include:
 - Duval County Fellowship for School Leadership, which allows candidates to receive a scholarship to attend the Teachers College Summer Principal Academy at Columbia University. Following graduation from the Academy, the candidates are placed in assistant principal positions and agree to lead in DCPS schools for at least three years."
 - "Startup Summer," which places TFA—Miami-Dade teachers into summer internships with 12 Miami-based startup organizations. The experience has allowed participants to launch their own startups focused on innovative opportunities for low-income students in the local communities.

From: McDougal, Kim
To: [Spicola, Ashley](#)
Subject: FW: Stem Hub in Northeast Florida
Date: Friday, August 14, 2015 2:50:11 PM
Attachments: [JCC Presentation_Final.pptx](#)

Please review.. also print so we can discuss next week

From: Gary Chartrand [mailto:gchartrand@acosta.com]
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2015 12:33 PM
To: McDougal, Kim
Subject: Stem Hub in Northeast Florida

Kim, I wanted to share this presentation with you , This was given to the Jacksonville Civic Council. I created this STEM hub and recruited 18 businesses to financial support the HUB. There is some very good data in this presentation. I know the Gov. is supportive of STEM initiatives and linking the initiatives to jobs for Florida residents. As you know I have been passionately vocal on supporting STEM initiatives and more importantly the PD of Math, science and computer science teachers. The demand is far exceeding the supply in Stem careers.

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Northeast Florida Regional STEM² Hub

Jacksonville Civic Council

‘If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.’

— African Proverb

We convene, inspire, and invest in the STEM² field by providing the essential missing elements to accelerate the growth of STEM² education and careers.











— STEM² Hub

STEM Workers Play Key Roles in Driving Economy's Growth¹

- 26 million U.S. jobs—20 percent of all jobs—require a high level of knowledge in any one STEM field.
- Half of all STEM jobs are available to workers without a four-year college degree.
- These jobs pay \$53,000 on average—a wage 10 percent higher than jobs with similar educational requirements.
- More STEM-oriented metropolitan economies perform strongly on a wide variety of economic indicators, from innovation to employment.

¹Rothwell, Jonathan, The Hidden STEM Economy, Metropolitan Policy Program at The Brookings Institute











STEM occupations requiring the most knowledge

Occupation	# of jobs	avg. wages
 Biomedical Engineers	16,590	\$88,360
 Chemical Engineers	27,860	\$99,440
 Biochemists and Biophysicists	25,160	\$87,640
 Engineers, All Other	125,590	\$92,260
 Nuclear Engineers	8,430	\$105,160
 Agricultural Engineers	2,650	\$78,400
 Materials Scientists	7,900	\$86,600
 Engineering Teachers	33,660	\$97,260
 Hydrologists	6,960	\$79,070
 Materials Engineers	22,160	\$86,790

Wage premium, bachelor's or higher STEM jobs vs. non-STEM jobs with similar educational requirements:

+14%

Most common STEM occupations requiring an Associate's Degree or less

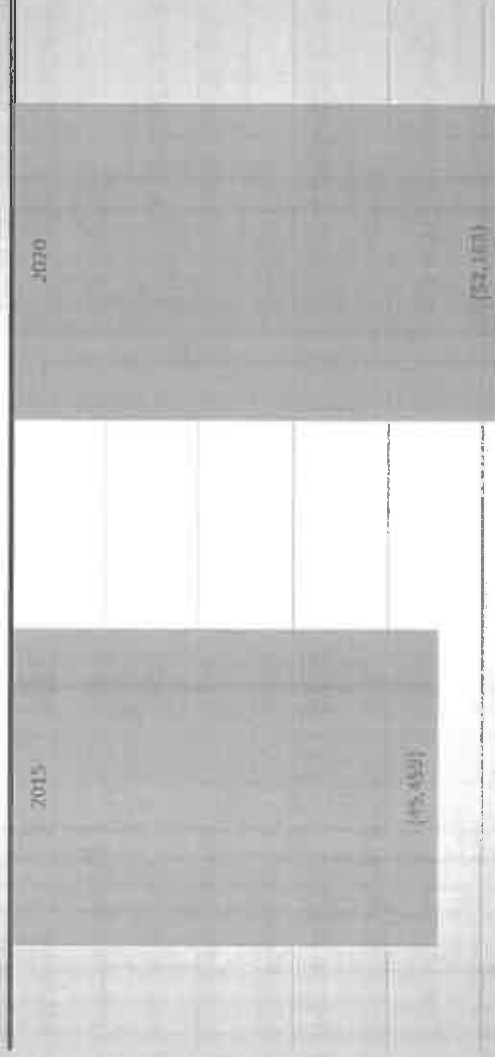
Occupation	# of jobs	avg. wages
 Registered Nurses	2724,570	\$69,110
 Auto Techs and Mechanics	589,570	\$38,560
 Carpenters	578,910	\$44,330
 Supervisors of Prod. & Ops. Workers	559,350	\$56,890
 Electricians	52,290	\$52,910
 Computer Systems Analysts	487,740	\$82,320
 Supervisors of Mechanics, etc.	408,530	\$62,190
 Machinists	368,510	\$40,520
 Plumbers, Pipefitters, Steamfitters	349,320	\$51,830
 Welders, Cutters, Solderers, Brazers	316,290	\$37,920

Wage premium, sub-bachelor's STEM jobs vs. non-STEM jobs with similar educational requirements:

+10%

Northeast Florida Supply Demand Outlook (Macro)

Current and projected deficiency for high-wage occupations in the Northeast Florida Region *



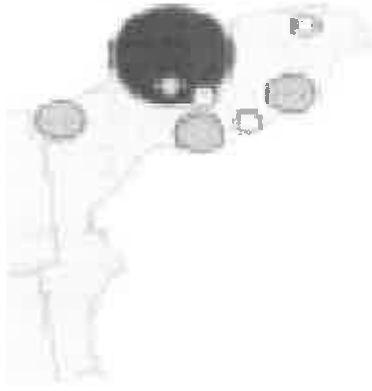
* source EMSI; figures based upon all occupations with a median hourly wage of \$30.00 and above, with sufficient data in the 7 county Northeast Florida Region. Comparison between regional completions (2013) and 2015/2020 estimated jobs.

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- ❑ Presently the Northeast Florida region already shows a **deficit** in high-wage jobs based on present employment levels. Projections also show a **deficiency**.
- ❑ Furthermore our unemployment/underemployment rate continues to hover at 12.8% (close to 25% for youth under/unemployment).

Northeast Florida's share of workers in STEM occupations compared to 100 largest metro areas

- 19% of Northeast Florida workers in STEM occupations compared to as many as 33.2% in other larger metropolitan regions.¹
- Jacksonville ranks 80th out of 100 top metro areas.
- Significant economic potential left untapped in Northeast Florida.



○ 11.1% - 17.9% ○ 18.0% - 19.5% ● 19.6% - 20.4% ● 20.5% - 21.4% ● 21.5% - 33.2%

Key Roles of STEM Orientated Metropolitan Regions

1. Raising enrollment, retention, and attainment for bachelors degree and graduate degree students in STEM subjects, especially for low-attainment population.
2. Adult training or sub-bachelors education in STEM fields.
3. Boosting elementary and secondary interest and preparation in STEM subjects.
4. Various government and nonprofit or corporate sectors implement each of these goals.

➤ Who owns these roles in Northeast Florida?

Best practice programs including county schools, higher education and businesses DO have track records for success (including in Baltimore MD, Houston TX & Melbourne FL).¹

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STEM² Initial Priorities

- ▶ Education Priorities
 - ▶ Support the strategy of Early College High Schools.
 - ▶ Establish STEM² after-school clubs.
- ▶ Business Priorities
 - ▶ Support the development of a downtown innovation district.
 - ▶ Support and partner to coordinate the development of a near-sourcing technology entity.

Work To Do: *The Role of STEM² Education in Improving the Tri-State Region's Workforce*. Carnegie Science Center, November 2014²

Success Milestones to Date

- Forging partnerships with best practice STEM curriculum developers including Project-Lead-The-Way & code.org.
- Creating trusted partnerships with internationally recognized after-school programs including For Inspiration and Recognition of Science Technology (FIRST Robotics).
- Established a business-driven board of directors.
- Initiated an education advisory board made up of all the regional county superintendents and higher education presidents.
- Introduced three after-school STEM2 clubs: FIRST Robotics, MATHCOUNTS, science.
- Kicked-off STEM² Hub at a forum sponsored by UNF which received national press through STEMConnector.
- Published first regional State of STEM² Report.
- Panelist in U.S. News's 2015 National STEM Solutions Conference held in San Diego.
- Identified the first four areas of STEM² priorities (pending board approval).
- Created a business driven scorecard holding all stakeholders (business, colleges/universities & county schools) to nationally (and where appropriate international) standards.

STEM² Hub Board of Directors Leading Regional Company CEOs/CIOs

Acosta	Greenshades
Adecco	Haskell
Alluvion Staffing	JAXUSA
Auditmacs	Moneta Partners
Black Knight	NLP Logix
Citi Group	Scratch Werks
CSX	Vistakon
FIS	Web.com
Florida Blue	Wolfson's Hospital

80 Founding STEM² Businesses - minimum suggested contribution \$5,000 (five year commitment requested based on gross income).

Board Level Members - maximum 20 @ \$25,000 contribution /year for five years.
STEM2Hub filed 501(c)(3).

From: Mendez-cartaya, Iraida R.
To: Spicola, Ashley; Wiginton, Jessica; McDougal, Kim
Subject: FW: VETO HB 7069 AND LINE-ITEM VETO THE FLORIDA EDUCATION FINANCE PROGRAM (FEFP) COMPONENT
Date: Thursday, June 1, 2017 5:12:32 PM
Attachments: [Attachment L1098.pdf](#)
[AMC L1098.pdf](#)

From: Perez-Ibanez, Cristina **On Behalf Of** Superintendent's Office
Sent: Thursday, June 01, 2017 3:20 PM
To: 'rick.scott@eog.myflorida.com'
Cc: Harvey, Walter J.; Brown, Valtena G.; Dotres, Jose L.; GONZALEZ-DIEGO, DAISY R; Harvey, Walter J.; Izquierdo, Marie; Marte, Judith M.; Martinez, Lisa M.; Mendez-cartaya, Iraida R.; MOFFETT, IAN A; Montes-de-oca, Jose F.; Nicoleau, Carl; Torrens, Jaime G.; Tosado, Daniel; Bendross-Mindingall, Dorothy; BETHENCOURT, CORINA V; Blumstein, Jerold; Byers, Vanessa W.; CASTILLO, SUSIE; Delgado, Maria E.; DIAZ, NELSON E; Tosado, Daniel; ESPINA, ANDREINA; Fals-Chew, Jackeline; Feldman, Lawrence S.; FUNDERBURK, PIERRE; GALLON III, STEVE; Glivens, Jacquelin B.; Hantman, Perla Tabares; Hernandez, Milagros; JAMES, PAVIELLE L; Karp, Martin; Lara, Ana O.; Lopez, Addys C.; MCMINN, CEDRIC; MILES, GINA M; MORAN, KARLA; NAUMANN, CARMEN; NAVARRO, LUBBY; NOYA, MARIA C; Perez, Dairen; Perez, Marta R.; PEREZ, NATALIE; ROJAS, MARIA TERESA; Rosales, Dalia C.; SUAREZ, JENNIFER R; VALLECILLO, FRANCYS I
Subject: VETO HB 7069 AND LINE-ITEM VETO THE FLORIDA EDUCATION FINANCE PROGRAM (FEFP) COMPONENT

June 1, 2017

The Honorable Rick Scott
Plaza Level 05, The Capitol
400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Dear Governor Scott:

At its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, May 24, 2017, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, passed Agenda Item H-22 as attached. This item requests a veto of line item 91 related to the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) of SB 2500 as well as the education conforming bill, HB 7069, passed by the Florida Legislature. The state budget passed by the Florida Legislature provides a meager increase of \$24.49, or 0.34 percent, per student statewide. Furthermore, the Base Student Allocation (BSA) is **reduced** by \$27.07. The BSA is critical as it is the only unrestricted component of the FEFP, providing school districts the ability to create or enhance current programs. It is worth mentioning that the BSA has never been reduced in a non-recessionary year. The majority of Miami-Dade County Public Schools' (M-DCPS) estimated increase of approximately \$5.9 million is consumed by a statutorily mandated increase in the Florida Retirement System contribution rate. This represents an estimated \$5.7 million for M-DCPS, leaving only \$200,000 to address rising operational costs.

In addition, we are requesting you exercise your veto power on HB 7069. This 278-page education package, which affects everything from charter schools to recess in public elementary schools, emerged late Friday, May 5, 2017, and was mostly agreed upon behind closed doors without being vetted by members of either chamber. There is a

provision that was actually defeated by the Senate as well as other provisions that were never even heard.

There are several provisions within HB 7069 that would be extremely detrimental to students in Florida's public schools. Among the most egregious are the following:

- **Sharing of Capital Outlay:** The financial impact of this policy change on our school district alone is estimated to be over \$20 million in year one. This number will grow as enrollment in charter schools increases. If this language becomes law, M-DCPS will be forced to redirect funds from a capital revenue source that has already been significantly diminished due to a previous 0.50 millage reduction mandated by the Legislature. A continued redirection of capital millage revenues will compromise M-DCPS' ability to provide maintenance to more than 420 school buildings. M-DCPS could even be forced to shift operating dollars from educational programs to fund critical maintenance to publicly-owned buildings. This policy sacrifices the integrity of taxpayer-owned buildings for fewer privately-owned buildings.

Additionally, the bill effectively empowers private charter school enterprises to exercise ad valorem taxing powers using a school board's taxing authority without any constitutional or referendum authority, which is in violation of Article VII, Section 10, Florida Constitution. The provision is also inconsistent with numerous other statutory prohibitions regarding the use of public funds.

- **Dilution of Title I Funds:** The one-size-fits-all changes to the allocation and distribution of federal Title I funds proposed by HB 7069 will have a significantly detrimental impact on Miami-Dade's ability to sustain the level of academic performance our students have demonstrated in recent years. M-DCPS currently serves 312 schools with areas of highly concentrated poverty and 75 percent or more economically disadvantaged students in the Title I Program. Some of the critical initiatives for which Title I funds are reserved in Miami-Dade that would be eliminated with this language include:

- a. Education Transformation/School Turnaround Support
- b. Transformation/Instructional Coaches
- c. Secondary School Reform (8-period day)
- d. Summer Services
- e. Supplemental Educational Materials

Of greatest concern are the limitations imposed by legislation on our district's nationally-recognized Education Transformation Model. Miami-Dade's school turnaround efforts have consistently yielded positive results that have changed the overall academic performance of our district and the state. This critical work with our lowest-performing schools has been accomplished through the strategic use of Title I funds to target these students and schools' unique needs. In Miami-Dade County, the number of "D" and "F" schools has been reduced significantly. In fact, despite our size, the percentage of low-performing schools in M-DCPS is below the statewide percentage.

- **Violates Local School Board Constitutional Authority:** The bill requires the use of a standard contract when sponsoring a charter school and indicates that any term or condition added by a district will be presumed to be a limitation on charter school

flexibility. This provision limits a school board's constitutional authority to negotiate charter school contracts to address the specific needs of its individual district. In addition, the bill establishes charter schools as local educational agencies (LEA) for the purpose of receiving federal funds and grants them sovereign immunity, a right reserved only for public entities under state law.

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The requirement to use the standard contract is unconstitutional because it directly violates Article IX, Section 4(b) of the Florida Constitution, which grants local school boards the authority to operate, supervise, and control all of the schools in their respective districts. See *Sch. Bd. of Volusia County v. Acad. of Excellence, Inc.*, 974 So. 2d 1186, 1193 (Fla. 5th DCA 2008). The establishment of charter schools as LEAs and independent public agencies with sovereign immunity is a violation of Article IX, Section 4(a), which prohibits the existence of parallel public school systems that are subject to different rules.

For the aforementioned reasons, we respectfully request that you veto line 91 of the General Appropriations Act related to the FEFP and veto HB 7069. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Ms. Iraida R. Mendez-Cartaya, Associate Superintendent, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Grants Administration, and Community Engagement, at 305 995-1497.

Sincerely,

Alberto M. Carvalho
Superintendent of Schools

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Attachment

cc: School Board Members
School Board Attorney
Superintendent's Cabinet

Dr. Kim McDougal
County and Municipal Mayors

Ms. Susie V. Castillo, Board Member

**SUBJECT: THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
FLORIDA URGE FLORIDA GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT TO VETO
HB 7069 AND LINE-ITEM VETO THE FLORIDA EDUCATION
FINANCE PROGRAM (FEFP) COMPONENT OF THE
PROPOSED STATE BUDGET**

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On Monday, May 8, 2017, the Florida House and Senate passed the proposed 2017-2018 state budget and pertinent conforming bills, including HB 7069. While this bill addresses and includes several key points of the Board's 2017 State Legislative Program, it also includes provisions that the Board has strongly opposed.

Among the issues of concern in the bill are the required sharing of capital outlay millage, and the limitations on the Board's allocation of Title I funds. These issues will have a significant impact on our school district financially and operationally. The required sharing of the capital outlay millage is estimated to negatively impact the District's capital budget by \$25 million in 2017-2018 and spiral to \$60 million by 2020-2021. Additionally, the District also must prepare for a decrease in state education funds and a significant loss in the constitutional authority of local school boards.

The proposed state budget is completely misaligned with the needs of public schools and our students. The budget includes provisions reducing the Base Student Allocation by \$27.08. The proposed budget is insufficient to cover Miami-Dade County Public Schools' projected cost increases for 2017-2018. As The School Board of Miami-Dade County, it is our duty to oppose any legislation that may be detrimental to students in our public schools. As such, it is appropriate for the Board to send correspondence urging Florida Governor Rick Scott to veto HB 7069 as well as line-item veto the FEFP component of the proposed state budget.

As of the time of this item being published, the bill had not been certified to the Governor. Once the Governor receives the bill, the Governor has 15 days to act on it. This item does not appear in the published agenda. There is good cause to vary from the published agenda in order to timely advocate for a veto from the Governor.

This item has been reviewed and approved by the School Board Attorney's office as to form and legal sufficiency.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. SUSIE V. CASTILLO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida urge, by appropriate means, Florida Governor Rick Scott to veto HB 7069 and line-item veto the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) component of the proposed state budget.

**Good Cause
H-22**



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June 1, 2017

The Honorable Rick Scott
Plaza Level 05, The Capitol
400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Dear Governor Scott:

At its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, May 24, 2017, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, passed Agenda Item H-22 as attached. This item requests a veto of line item 91 related to the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) of SB 2500 as well as the education conforming bill, HB 7069, passed by the Florida Legislature. The state budget passed by the Florida Legislature provides a meager increase of \$24.49, or 0.34 percent, per student statewide. Furthermore, the Base Student Allocation (BSA) is reduced by \$27.07. The BSA is critical as it is the only unrestricted component of the FEFP, providing school districts the ability to create or enhance current programs. It is worth mentioning that the BSA has never been reduced in a non-recessionary year. The majority of Miami-Dade County Public Schools' (M-DCPS) estimated increase of approximately \$5.9 million is consumed by a statutorily mandated increase in the Florida Retirement System contribution rate. This represents an estimated \$5.7 million for M-DCPS, leaving only \$200,000 to address rising operational costs.

In addition, we are requesting you exercise your veto power on HB 7069. This 278-page education package, which affects everything from charter schools to recess in public elementary schools, emerged late Friday, May 5, 2017, and was mostly agreed upon behind closed doors without being vetted by members of either chamber. There is a provision that was actually defeated by the Senate as well as other provisions that were never even heard.

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publicly-owned buildings. This policy sacrifices the integrity of taxpayer-owned buildings for fewer privately-owned buildings.

Additionally, the bill effectively empowers private charter school enterprises to exercise ad valorem taxing powers using a school board's taxing authority without any constitutional or referendum authority, which is in violation of Article VII, Section 10, Florida Constitution. The provision is also inconsistent with numerous other statutory prohibitions regarding the use of public funds.

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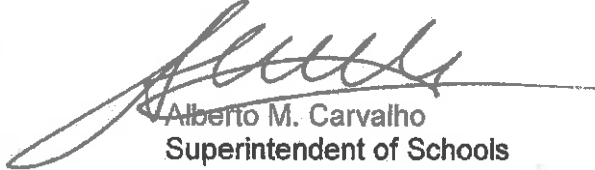
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For the aforementioned reasons, we respectfully request that you veto line 91 of the General Appropriations Act related to the FEFP and veto HB 7069. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Ms. Iraida R. Mendez-Cartaya, Associate Superintendent, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Grants Administration, and Community Engagement, at 305 995-1497.

Sincerely,



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Dr. Kim McDougal
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From: Perez-Ibanez, Cristina
To: [McDougal, Kim](#)
Subject: FW: Veto HB 7069
Date: Monday, May 15, 2017 6:04:00 PM
Attachments: [AMC L1098.pdf](#)

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Dr. Kim McDougal

From: McDougal, Kim
To: Ott, Linzee
Subject: FW: [Spam:***** SpamScore] RE: Statewide TV Coverage and "What They Are Saying" Regarding Governor Scott's Historic K-12 Funding Announcement
Date: Tuesday, January 13, 2015 4:10:05 PM

See below

From: PERRINROGERS.RACHEL [mailto:PERRINROGERS.RACHEL@flsenate.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2015 11:55 AM
To: McDougal, Kim
Subject: [Spam:***** SpamScore] RE: Statewide TV Coverage and "What They Are Saying" Regarding Governor Scott's Historic K-12 Funding Announcement
Importance: High

Kim,

This is the third time our office has requested that EOG refrain from sending emails regarding state business to the senator's personal account. I know you were not in EOG the first two times but Senator Simpson wanted me to reiterate this request.

From: McDougal, Kim [mailto:Kim.McDougal@eog.myflorida.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2015 11:14 AM

Cc: MEYER.REYNOLD; Mears, Kathy; Ott, Linzee
Subject: Statewide TV Coverage and "What They Are Saying" Regarding Governor Scott's Historic K-12 Funding Announcement

STATEWIDE TV COVERAGE ON GOVERNOR SCOTT'S HISTORIC K-12 FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT

- **Statewide**
 - **Associated Press:** "Scott, who promised during his heated re-election campaign to increase school spending to historic levels, said he wants the average amount spent on each student to rise to \$7,176, about \$261 higher than was allocated this school year."
 - **News Service Of Florida:** "Making good on a campaign promise, Gov. Rick Scott announced Monday he will ask lawmakers to provide the highest per-student funding for education in state history during the legislative session that begins in March. Scott said his "Keep Florida Working" budget would include \$7,176 per student, about \$50 above the previous high in the 2007-08 budget year."

- **Pensacola TV**
 - **WEAR**: “Governor Rick Scott announced proposal to hike per pupil spending to record high...”
 - **WEAR**: “Scott says he’ll propose increasing spending on public schools by more than \$800 million...”
- **Panama City TV**
 - **WMBB**: “...He is proposing to boost education spending for the next school year to the highest in history, \$7,176 per student...”
- **Tallahassee TV**
 - **WCTV**: “The Plan includes more than \$7,100 per student. That’s about \$50 more than the previous record...”
 - **WTXL**: “That increase means the average amount spent on each student going up by \$261 per student. That’s a total of \$7,176 per student.”
- **Jacksonville TV**
 - **WFOX**: “Scott says the per pupil funding will be just over \$7,100. That’s the highest ever in Florida history.”
 - **WTLV**: “He plans to increase spending on the state’s public schools by more than \$800 million.”
- **Gainesville TV**
 - **WCJB**: “...he wants the average amount spent every year on each student to rise to more than \$7,000.”
- **Tampa TV**
 - **WTSP**: “That increase would boost the average amount increase by more than \$260...”
 - **WFTS**: “...proposes spending close to \$7,200 per child, the highest in Florida history.”
 - **Bay News 9**: “...Schools would get about \$300 more per student.”
- **Orlando TV**
 - **WESH**: “That brings the total amount spent per student to \$7,176 a year, which would be the highest in the history of Florida.”
 - **WOFL**: “Districts will get more than \$7,100 per student, \$50 more than they’ve ever gotten...”

- **Fort Myers TV**
 - **WFTX:** “That would boost the average amount spent on each student to just over \$7,000.”
 - **WINK:** “That translates to about 261 more dollars per student this year.”
- **West Palm Beach TV**
 - **WPEC:** “That roughly breaks down to \$7,200 per student...”
 - **WPBF:** “Governor Scott says he wants to give schools just over \$260 more per student. That brings the total money spent per student to \$7,176 a year, which would be the highest in the history of the state.”
- **Miami TV**
 - **WFOR:** “If legislators approve, it would raise overall public school funding to nearly \$20 billion.”

STATEWIDE GROUPS PUSH FOR HISTORIC PER PUPIL FUNDING

Education Commissioner Pam Stewart said, “I am grateful that Governor Scott’s ‘Keep Florida Working Budget’ increases the state’s education funding to the highest level in our state’s history. There has never been a better time for education in Florida. Our students have achieved tremendous success in recent years and Governor Scott’s budget will keep our state on a trajectory to reach even greater heights.”

Patricia Levesque, of the Foundation for Florida’s Future, said, “The Foundation for Florida’s Future is proud to support Governor Scott’s proposal to increase education spending to record levels. Making education a priority is the smartest investment for the future. How state dollars are used is as important as the dollars themselves, and this historic funding will go a long way to ensure every child in Florida is equipped to achieve success in college and a career. Florida’s commitment to providing every student with access to a high-quality education is a model for the nation, and we applaud Governor Scott for working to keep that promise.”

Andy Ford, President of the Florida Education Association said, “FEA applauds the governor for keeping his campaign promise and increasing the state’s budget allotment for public school students. We look forward to working with the governor and the Legislature to continue to invest to improve our local public schools and helping all of the students who attend them.”

Rhea Law, of the Florida Council of 100, said, “The Florida Council of 100 knows that we have the best and brightest leaders of tomorrow in our classrooms today. That is why Governor Scott’s proposed budget of \$7,176 per student is excellent news for Florida students, teachers and parents. When paired with the successful policy reforms of the past 15 years, this funding will continue to elevate Florida’s excellence in the classroom and make us a beacon for learning and growth. By

continuing to invest in education, Governor Scott is building on Florida's success to become the very best state to live, work and get a great education."

State Board of Education Chair Gary Chartrand said, "Today's announcement underscores Governor Scott's commitment to Florida families and their futures. Our state's students are fortunate to have some of the nation's best principals and teachers, and this record-setting investment in per pupil funding will ensure they all have the necessary resources to continue thriving."

State Board of Education Member Rebecca Fishman Lipsey said, "Governor Scott's budget request demonstrates a significant investment in children and families. All students deserve access to a world-class education and I am proud that in Florida we are actively working to provide students with the tools they need to succeed and make Florida an even better place for future generations."

State Board of Education Vice Chair John R. Padgett said, "I want to praise Governor Scott for placing an emphasis on Florida's greatest asset - our children. A quality education sets the foundation for a lifetime of success, and I am confident that this historic per pupil funding will have a significant positive impact on our state for many years to come."

State Board of Education Member Andy Tuck said, "As a steward of taxpayer dollars, the state has a responsibility to make sure Floridians get a good return on our investment in public education. Our students have demonstrated a strong desire and ability to achieve, and I expect we will see even more success as a result of the historic per pupil education funding in Governor Scott's 'Keep Florida Working Budget.'

State Board of Education Member Marva Johnson said, "It is vital that our state's students have access to the best education possible. By continuing to focus on Florida's students in his 'Keep Florida Working Budget,' Governor Scott has demonstrated his unyielding resolve to make our state the best place to live and work."

State Board of Education Member John A. Colón said, "All families want their children to receive an education that will prepare them for a good job. Governor Scott's dedication to our state's students and families is commendable, and I am proud to offer my full support of the 'Keep Florida Working Budget.'"

Ralph Yoder, Superintendent, Calhoun County School District, said, "Governor Scott has shown a strong commitment to excellence in education. We are grateful for his recommended increase in per student funding, which will continue to make Florida a great place to be prepared for college and careers."

Jacob Oliva, Superintendent, Flagler County School District, said, "Increasing per pupil spending to a record level of \$7,176 as Governor Scott has proposed is great news for Florida families. Governor Scott continues to be a strong leader for Florida's education system and for that we applaud him."

Sandra "Sam" Himmel, Superintendent, Citrus County School District, said, "Governor Scott continues to be a champion of education in Florida. Historic

investments such as his proposed record per student funding of \$7,176 is outstanding news for Florida's students, teachers and parents."

Carlene Anderson, Superintendent, Walton County School District, said, "Funding is essential to a great education system, and Gov. Scott continues to show strong leadership in our state. His proposal to increase per pupil funding to \$7,176 will support the rigorous expectations that have placed Florida as a model for education."

Alberto M. Carvalho, Superintendent, Miami-Dade County School District said, "I commend Governor Scott for prioritizing Florida students in his 2015-16 'Keep Florida Working Budget.' Our students have demonstrated a strong desire and ability to succeed, and this historic investment in education will afford educators even more opportunities to help students thrive."

Dr. Barbara Jenkins, Superintendent, Orange County School District, said, "I applaud Governor Scott for proposing historic per pupil funding for Florida's education system. Efforts to improve our economy, have made this investment possible. The benefit for students will be significant for years to come."

Dr. Michael Grego, Superintendent, Pinellas County School District, said, "I want to thank Governor Scott for his dedication to Florida's families. A good education is directly related to future job opportunities, and I am confident that, with the highest per pupil funding in the state's history, our students will continue to rank among the top in the nation."

Senator Bill Montford, CEO, Florida Association of School District Superintendents said, "I applaud Governor Scott for his commitment to Florida students. The historic K-12 and per pupil funding of \$7,176 is welcomed by school districts throughout Florida and will be reflected ultimately in higher student achievement."

Jim Horne, President & CEO, Florida Charter School Alliance said, "I want to thank Governor Scott for recommending historic per pupil funding of \$7,176. Under his leadership, Florida will continue to be a beacon for economic success."

Mark Wilson, President & CEO, Florida Chamber of Commerce said, "The Florida Chamber supports Governor Scott in his efforts to make Florida number one in education. Investing in a high-quality education can help ensure Florida's students are prepared for the high-skill, high-wage jobs of the future."

Brewster Bevis, Senior VP of State & Federal Affairs, Associated Industries of Florida said, "Governor Scott continues to make strong investments in education with his proposed per pupil spending of \$7,176, the highest in state history. This extraordinary funding ensures that Florida's teachers and students are set up to succeed, and Governor Scott has been pivotal in seeing that through."

Mindy Haas, President, Florida PTA said, "Florida PTA appreciates that Governor Scott and his office want the best for Florida's students. He has committed to prioritize education with historic recommendations of \$19.75 billion in total K-12 spending as well as \$7,176 in per pupil spending this coming year. Florida PTA will

continue to work with Governor Scott and the legislature to assure the money is allocated properly and all children across the state will benefit.”

Dr. Juhan Mixon, CEO, Florida Association of School Administrators said, “As a part of the “Keep Florida Working” Budget, Governor Scott understands the importance of supporting Florida’s education system. It is great to see that at the start of his second term, he is recommending unprecedented state funding and per student funding for Florida public schools. It is important for Florida to keep the momentum going for high achievement of all of our students and this is a great step in reinforcing Florida’s excellence.”

Dr. Jim Surrency, Executive Director, North East Florida Educational Consortium said, “The great news of a recommended increase in per pupil funding for Florida students is a testament to Governor Rick Scott’s prioritization of the quality of our state education. We are breaking records here in the Sunshine State for education, and it is exciting to see these historic investments for Florida’s teachers and students. Florida’s small and rural school districts applaud Governor Scott’s leadership.”

Pat McDaniel, Executive Director, Panhandle Area Educational Consortium said, “Education is a top priority in Florida. It is important to provide the necessary resources for the success of our students and teachers, and I am happy to hear of the proposed increase in per pupil funding to \$7,176. Governor Scott’s leadership is key to this year’s historic investment for Florida students. The small and rural school districts in Florida’s Panhandle appreciate Governor Scott’s concern for education.”

Dr. Debra Elliott, Executive Director, Heartland Educational Consortium said, “The three consortiums (HEC, NEFEC, and PAEC), representing the small and rural districts of Florida are thrilled to hear of the substantial increase in per pupil funding to \$7,176. Kudos to Governor Scott and his staff for committing additional funds toward the investment of our young people. This increase enhances opportunities for increasing student achievement in our rural districts.”

Ralph Arza, Director of Governmental Affairs, Florida Consortium of Public Charter Schools said, “Last year, we experienced the highest level of K-12 education funding in state history with \$18.9 billion provided in the budget. Now, we are seeing an even greater priority for Florida’s students with a recommended total of \$19.75 billion this year as well as a record of \$7,176 in per pupil spending.”

Dominic Calabro, President & CEO, Florida Tax Watch said, “Florida students are better prepared to succeed in the classroom and in their chosen careers thanks to the thoughtful investment by the Governor and Legislature in historic state education funding and per student funding levels in our state’s public school system. Florida taxpayers should embrace Governor Scott’s recommended investment of \$7,176 in per pupil spending that will provide returns for years to come. Investing in Florida students’ education today will ensure a brighter future for the Sunshine State tomorrow as our students are better equipped to fill high-wage, high-skilled jobs.”

Marsan Carr, Executive Director, Florida Association for Career and Technical Education said, “I would like to thank Governor Scott for his work on today’s historic announcement of per pupil funding. We look forward to our continued work together to ensure that all Florida students can get a great education that prepares them for

higher education and for a rewarding career in the 21st century.”

Rick Shirley, Chair, Small School District Council Consortium, Superintendent, Sumter County School District said, "Florida's small school districts applaud Governor Scott for his commitment to seek historic funding levels for Florida's K-12 Public Schools. It is important that each student is provided the resources needed to succeed in the classroom. Today's announcement by Governor Rick Scott is a big step in that direction. I would like to thank the Governor for recommending to get us to an historic level \$7,176 in per pupil funding. The Small School District Council Consortium is eager to work with the Governor and the members of the legislature to meet the needs of students throughout Florida.”

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From: [Lewis, McKinley](#)
To: [Schutz, Jackie](#)
Cc: [Wyland, Kerri](#)
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Date: Thursday, March 9, 2017 3:57:10 PM
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Just want to make sure you saw this.

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FYI...Impact of HB 7005 on Florida's Economic Development Programs

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Today, members of the Florida House of Representatives are hearing HB 7005, a bill which eliminates a large majority of Florida's economic development programs. The State of Florida relies heavily on these programs to diversify and strengthen our economy by attracting targeted industries and good, high-paying jobs that improve the lives of Florida families.

Below, please see a list of members that have supported economic development programs through various bills from 2011-2016, many of which are eliminated in HB 7005.

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Below is a list of programs that are eliminated in HB 7005:

- Enterprise Florida, Inc.
- Florida Defense Alliance
- Florida Small Business Development Center Network
- Quick Response Training Program
- Institute for the Commercialization of Public Research
- Capital Investment Tax Credit
- State of Florida International Offices
- Qualified Defense Contractor and Space Flight Business Tax Refund Program
- Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund Program
- Brownfield Redevelopment Bonus Refunds
- High Impact Business Performance Incentive
- Quick Action Closing Fund
- Innovation Incentive Program
- Marketing and Image Campaign Enterprise Florida, Inc.
- Florida Small Business Technology Growth Program
- Not-for-profit corporation, Florida Small Business Technology Growth Program
- Florida Capital Formation Act
- Florida Opportunity Fund Creation and Duties
- Microfinance Guarantee Program
- Urban High-Crime Area Jobs Tax Credit Program

- New Market Development Program
- New Market Tax Credit
- Limited sales and use tax exemption for education-related purchases
- Entertainment Industry Tax Credit
- Office of Film and Entertainment
- Florida Film and Entertainment Industry Advisory Council
- Entertainment industry qualified production companies
- Professional Sports Franchises, duties
- Spring Training Baseball Franchises
- Sports Development
- Retention of Major League Baseball spring training baseball franchises
- Florida Technology Seed Capital Fund
- Economic Development Transportation Projects
- SEED Trust Fund
- Tourism Promotional Trust Fund
- Florida International Trade and Promotion Trust Fund

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Subject: FW: *UPCOMING IN 10 MINUTES* Gov. Scott Signs Legislation to Reduce Tests
Date: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 10:24:03 AM

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Subject: *UPCOMING IN 10 MINUTES* Gov. Scott Signs Legislation to Reduce Tests



Gov. Scott Signs Legislation to Reduce Tests

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Today, Governor Rick Scott signed House Bill 7069, which reduces the amount of tests Florida students take.

Governor Scott said, "This legislation reduces the number of tests our students take, including the 11th grade English Language Arts test that we eliminated this year through an Executive Order in February. I agree with many teachers and parents who say we have too many tests, and while this legislation is a great step forward, we will keep working to make sure Florida students are not over tested.

"This legislation also improves our teacher evaluation system, which will ensure we have the best teachers in our classrooms. I want to thank Senator Legg and Representative O'Toole for championing this legislation and I applaud the Florida Legislature for quickly putting it into law to better serve our students."

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From: [Moulton, Diane](#)
To: [Piepenbrink, Brad](#); [Lomagistro, Collin](#)
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Sent: Monday, January 29, 2018 9:35 AM
To: Moulton, Diane <Diane.Moulton@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: Letter to Governor Scott

Hello Diane,

I hope you had a nice weekend.

Gary Chartrand asks that you make sure Governor Scott receives the attached. I dropped it in the postal mail on Friday but Gary hopes the Governor can read it sooner rather than later.

Thank you for your help!

Regards,

Camille LoBello Hareland, Executive Assistant
Acosta | Corporate
Gary Chartrand, Executive Chairman, interim President
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January 26, 2018

Dear Governor Scott,

I am writing in support of Brandon Patty's application for the Public Service Commission.

Brandon is very well known to me and I can confirm his outstanding character and judgment. Aided by his diverse background in the US Navy Reserve as well as in business and public affairs, Brandon will be a great problem solver and a focused leader. I also know Brandon has been a strong supporter of yours, especially in regard to economic development and bringing jobs to Florida.

His experience, leadership, and skills would be a great addition to the PSC. I hope you will give him full consideration and appoint him to his important position.

Sincerely,



Gary Chartrand

From: Office of Early Learning
To: McDougal, Kim
Subject: Find out what's new in early learning in Florida.
Date: Wednesday, September 23, 2015 5:51:54 PM

EARLY LEARNING UPDATE

Information and news about early learning in Florida

September 2015

Early Learning Performance Funding

Providers selected to participate in Year Two.

Last year's Early Learning Performance Funding Pilot Project was such a success that it was funded for a second year. Almost 700 child care providers with children in the school readiness program applied to be part of the project for 2015-16. Sept. 10, 379 providers learned they had been selected to participate. Participants get special coaching and training for their classroom teachers and incentives throughout the year when they reach certain goals. At the end of the program, providers are eligible for bonuses based on improving outcomes for children.

Three toddlers.

N-E-W-S Florida

Early learning highlights from North, East, West and South

Literacy expert keynotes conference.

Second annual conference builds on success.

The Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe held its 2nd Annual Children First Conference Sept. 19. Literacy expert Phyllis Hunter spoke about the theme, *Literacy is a Family Affair*. A renowned author/speaker, Hunter is also an international educational consultant. The conference drew a full house of Miami Dade/Monroe early care providers.

Cradle-to-College activities calendar debuts.

Families get tips while they wait.

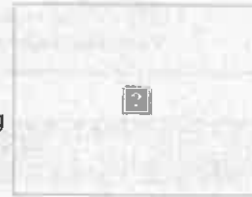
The ELC of SWFL is getting extra mileage from their Cradle to College VPK family activities calendar. They updated monitor feeds in their waiting room lobby with calendar activities, hoping to inspire clients with short, to-the-point tips. The calendar is a collaboration among the Association of Early Learning Coalitions, the Early Learning Advisory Council and the Florida Prepaid College Board.

Coalition picks up second award of summer.

The Early Learning Coalition of Manatee County gathered another award when they received the Barry Jones Business Partner Empowerment Award at a Sept. 10 chamber of commerce and district school board event. Judges praised the coalition's NEXTGEN Family Magazine. The September issue includes a feature article about OEL Executive Director Rodney MacKinnon. In June the coalition got a top non-profit award in education from the *Tampa Bay Business Journal*.

First Lady puts reading first.

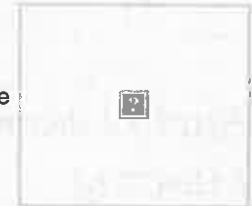
A commitment to early literacy is important. It takes a team and requires support statewide. Children, parents and providers saw this firsthand Sept. 2, when First Lady Ann Scott stopped by the [ELC of the Big Bend](#). Reading to a small group of children, the First Lady reflected the special connection that a grandmother of three has with little ones.



Preschool Palooza proves popular.

Free children's concert draws parents and children.

Parents and young would-be musicians enjoyed performance and fun at the 3rd annual Preschool Palooza Aug. 8. Hosted by the [ELC of Pasco/Hernando](#), the event featured former Eddie Money guitarist, Tommy Girvin. Girvin performs as "Mr. Tommy" and is known for engaging, imaginative children's music.



Pizza anyone?

Coalition sets up Pizza Place in lobby.

Teaching social/emotional skills and developing imaginative playmaking is a priority for [ELC of Flagler/Volusia](#). They've added a secret ingredient to the process: pizza. Using their dramatic play area, children are making, ordering and "eating" the classic dish using household items like cardboard and construction paper. Grazie!



Duval coalition adds new early learning web resource.

The [ELC of Duval County](#) recently unveiled [EarlyLearningJax.org](#), an all-inclusive web resource for parents, teachers, healthcare providers and early learning advocates. The Chartrand Family Fund and the Jacksonville Children's Endowment funded the project to centralize community resources and access to parent resources.

AELC honors legislator.

The Association of Early Learning Coalitions honored State Senator Bill Galvano (R-Bradenton) with the [Early Learning Champion Award](#) in late July. As a member of the Education PreK-12 and Appropriations committees and Appropriations Subcommittee on Education, he was recognized for being instrumental in securing funding to further early learning programs and allow more children to be served in the upcoming program year.

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**Florida DOE Daily Media Report
Wednesday, November 19, 2014**

Major Headlines:

Newly sworn-in lawmakers face budget battle over education

WESH – 11/18/14

New state House and Senate leaders say Gov. Scott's pledges of tax cuts and increased education funding do not add up, WESH reports. (VIDEO)

Florida Board of Education revises school accountability rules

Tampa Bay Times Blogs – 11/18/14 14:46

Florida Board of Education revises school accountability rules Citing the need for more transparency in its efforts, the Florida Board of Education...

Social Media:

Facebook:

- **#ICYMI:** Commissioner Stewart to JU education policy summit: "When students are (fully) participating in their learning, they are becoming lifelong learners."
<http://jacksonville.com/opinion/editorials/2014-11-17/story/public-schools-achieve-setting-goals>
- Here's today (and yesterday's) **#parentalinvolvement** tip of the day: "Join the PTO, PTA or parent involvement committee at your child's school." "It's American Education Week! Find out what your child's school is doing to..." <http://t.co/x2ILzQsQMZ>

Twitter:

- **@EducationFL** Comm Stewart to **#FLTeacherLEADNetwork**, "You are advancing the teaching profession" by improving what happens in schools/classes
- **@EducationFL** & **@NewTeacherCtr** & district teachers of the year together again to deepen leadership skills. pic.twitter.com/WSJBsMO2VD
- **DrStevePerry:** I am not a charter school advocate. I am not a traditional school advocate. I am a good school advocate! **#fcsc2014**
- FDOE's Director of Charter Schools, Adam Emmerson, recognizes Florida's high-performing charter schools during **#fcsc2014** opening session.
- Thanks **@FLDEPNews** for attending **#fcsc2014** & sharing **#STEM** programs with attendees & schools/teachers across Fla! pic.twitter.com/Nvt8enFNfY
- The dept's Exceptional Education and Student Services staff are at **#fcsc2014**, providing resources for attendees. pic.twitter.com/8LdUIqUORK
- So far at least three panelists have mentioned the importance of forging positive relationships with school districts. **#fcsc2014**
- **@EducationFL**'s Adam Miller, Director of Independent Ed and Parental Choice, addresses **#fcsc2014** town hall attendees. pic.twitter.com/1WfvAacTNs
- **#fcsc2014** town hall panelist talks about serving all students, especially those with disabilities. pic.twitter.com/nLUI93qfaz
- **#parentalinvolvement** tip of the day: "Join the PTO, PTA or parent involvement committee at your child's school. <http://ow.ly/i/7qiEK>
- We're here at the 2014 FL Charter Schools Conference, talking about working together to

offer educational options for students. #fesc2014

- Watch the State Board of Education meeting live at <http://www.fldoe.org>.

Additional Articles:

New writing test will be paper-pencil version for grades 4-7

Orlando Sentinel – 11/18/14

Students in grades 4 to 7 will take Florida's new standardized writing test using old-fashioned paper and pencil to quell educators' fears that younger students don't have the typing skills needed to take an online writing exam.

Testing: How Much Is Too Much?

NPR – 11/18/14

Meet "Jordan," an 11th-grader in Florida. One survey found that junior year was the most tested grade... "In some places, tests — and preparation for them — are dominating the calendar and culture of schools and causing undue stress for...

Florida state board approves standard charter school contract

RedefinED – 11/18/14

The state Board of Education on Tuesday unanimously approved a proposal creating a standard contract that will serve as a model for charter school agreements throughout the state.

Attitude adjusters

Daily Commercial – 11/19/14 06:00

...of retribution. Luke said there is a problem with leadership in the district. There are teachers that are scared of principals, she said. Principals...

CHIPOLA SHINES AT STATE AFC CONVENTION

Foster Folly News – 11/19/14 05:12

CHIPOLA SHINES AT STATE AFC CONVENTION Share this: Print Email DESTIN Chipola College was one of the most talked-about colleges at the 2014 Association...

State leaders discuss digital learning education plan

My Fox Orlando – 11/18/14 23:06

State leaders discuss digital learning education plan Tuesday, November 18, 2014 11:00 PM EST Updated: Tuesday, November 18, 2014 11:00 PM EST...

Treasure Coast couple battles state test

WPTV NewsChannel 5 – 11/18/14 21:57

...improve her reading skills. She failed the reading portion of the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) and has to repeat third grade...

Pasco teachers, School Board take aim on Florida high-stakes testing

Tampa Bay Times Blogs – 11/18/14 20:01

...they feel unprepared to get their students ready for the new Florida Standards Assessment, which they have little information about. River Ridge...

State board expects to finalize contract with state superintendent search firm that could cost \$40k

MLive.com – 11/18/14 16:17

...that could cost \$40k LANSING, MI -- The Michigan State Board of Education is hammering out the final details of a contract that could exceed...

Satanists demand same access as Christians to Florida schools

Examiner.com – 11/18/14 12:17

Satanists demand same access as Christians to Florida schools Satanists who requested permission to hand out "religious" coloring books in a...

Growing KIPP Schools to add fourth floor, then new building

The Daily Record – 11/18/14 11:22

...Inc. Executive Chairman John Baker II and Acosta Inc. Executive Chairman Gary Chartrand, who is chairman of the Florida State Board of Education.

Want to help Florida set its new test cut scores?

Tampa Bay Times Blogs – 11/18/14 09:38

Want to help **Florida** set its new test cut scores? **Florida** rolls out its new year-end standardized tests this spring. **Florida** rolls out its new...

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Good Afternoon,

It was a pleasure meeting you today. As a friendly reminder the office of Communications and Protocol is the city of Miami's official coordinator of tomorrow's event. Please send all information regarding tomorrow. Frank Novell and I are working directly with the mayor on all the official details.

Thank you,

Angel Zayon

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2017 Florida Session Winners: Students, Parents and Teachers

Dear Friends:

As Florida's 2017 Legislative Session comes to a close, lawmakers have passed many student-centered bills that will advance education in the

Sunshine State.

I have highlighted several bills below that will improve the lives and educational outcomes of countless Florida students. Highlights include legislation that gives teachers more time to teach, expands access to a customized education for students with special needs and opens additional options for disadvantaged students attending low-performing schools.

During the next few weeks, I hope you will join us in thanking legislative leaders for their bold action during this session to help students.

Thank you to those of you who worked with us to advocate on behalf of Florida's students and their families. They are truly this session's winners.

Sincerely,



Patricia Levesque

2017 Florida Session Recap

Giving Teachers More Time to Teach:

Legislation that gives teachers more time to teach by moving statewide assessments to the end of the school year passed both the Florida House and Florida Senate on May 8.

House Bill 7069, a budget conforming bill, also provides teachers and parents with easy-to-understand and actionable student score reports. It also ensures teachers receive timely results from local assessments to help inform classroom instruction.

In surveys of more than 400 Florida K-12 public educators and 400 Florida parents, respondents overwhelmingly agreed with moving statewide assessments to the last three weeks of the school year and providing parents and teachers with easy-to-understand student score reports.

This important legislation was championed by Sen. Anitere Flores, Sen. Kelli Stargel, Rep. Manny Diaz, Jr. and Rep. Chris Sprowls.

Expanding Opportunities for Students:

Legislation that expands the Gardiner Scholarship Program and strengthens the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program passed the Florida House on April 19, and the Florida Senate on May 5.

House Bill 15, sponsored by Rep. Jennifer Sullivan and Rep. Jason Fischer, expands the Gardiner Scholarship program to Florida students

with rare diseases, anaphylaxis, a traumatic brain injury, and students who are deaf, visually-impaired, dual-sensory impaired, hospitalized or homebound. The scholarship program, which provides students with access to a customized education, is currently serving more than 7,500 Florida children with unique abilities.

The legislation was also championed by **Sen. David Simmons, Sen. Denise Grimsley and Sen. Kelli Stargel.**

House Bill 7069 designated an additional \$30 million for the Gardiner Scholarship program, protecting all current scholarship students and the nearly 1,500 students who have already started and/or completed applications for next school year.

The legislation also increases the scholarship amount for low-income middle and high school students in the Tax Credit Scholarship Program to accommodate the higher cost of tuition in those grades. More than 98,000 Florida students currently participate in this program which has a proven track record of educational gains for students and fiscal savings for Florida's taxpayers.

Creating New Opportunities for Disadvantaged Students:

Leaders passed legislation this session to help thousands of Florida's students attending low-performing schools gain access to a quality education by creating a supportive environment for high-performing charter management organizations.

The legislation sets aside \$140 million to recruit high-performing nonprofit charter management organizations to provide Florida students living in areas of persistently low-performing schools with high-quality education options. The legislation also allows for public school districts to access funding to turn around consistently failing schools by offering wrap around services.

A high-performing charter management organization is one that has demonstrated success in serving disadvantaged students and helping those students make significant academic progress.

The legislation was championed by **Sen. Aaron Bean, Speaker Richard Corcoran, Rep. Manny Diaz, Jr., and Rep. Michael Bileca.**

Removing Barriers to Virtual Education:

Florida leaders passed legislation removing barriers so that all Florida students can participate in virtual instruction. House Bill 7069 eliminates the requirement that a student must have attended a public school the previous year.

More than 900 Florida Virtual School students were not able to continue their education during the 2016-2017 school year because of arbitrary

prior-year enrollment rules currently in place.

This legislation was championed by **Sen. Bill Galvano**, **Sen. Dennis Baxley** and **Rep. Jennifer Sullivan**. Kate Baxley, Sen. Baxley's granddaughter, recently [shared her story](#) on why this legislation is needed.

Eliminating Caps on Teacher Bonuses:

Leaders passed legislation that would eliminate caps on financial awards available to Florida teachers who teach advanced courses. Currently, Florida teachers are capped on the bonuses they can receive when their students successfully earn college credit in Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) and Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) or industry certifications or digital certificates. This legislation removes those caps.

The legislation was championed by **Sen. Travis Hutson** in the Florida Senate and by **Rep. Elizabeth Porter** in the Florida House.

Raising Student Achievement in Middle School:

Legislation to examine what other states are doing to beat the "Middle School Slump" passed the full Senate on May 5.

HB 293, which was sponsored by **Rep. Colleen Burton** in the Florida House and by **Sen. Kelli Stargel** in the Florida Senate, directs the Florida Department of Education to conduct a study examining practices in states with high-performing middle schools.

Visit [Foundation for Florida's Future - 2017 Legislative Session](#) for more information on these student-centered, teacher- and parent-friendly bills.



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 - Local Publicity Value: \$248.43per 30s
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- WTVT-TB (FOX) - Tampa Bay, FL, 5/15/2017 9:04:33 AM
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- WUFT (PBS) - Gainesville, FL, 5/15/2017 5:05:21 PM
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SB 10 Bill Signing Ceremony

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Former Eatonville Mayor Anthony Grant

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Sunscreen for Students Bill

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Flags at Half-Staff: Police Memorial Week

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- WJAX - Jacksonville, FL, 5/15/2017 7:27:18 AM
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2018 Agriculture commissioner Race

- WBBH-FTM (NBC) - Fort Myers, FL, 5/15/2017 4:19:05 PM
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SA Aramis Ayala

- WFTV-ORD (ABC) - Orlando, FL, 5/15/2017 5:16:51 PM
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State Budget: Centennial Park

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2018 Gubernatorial Race

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From: Schenone, Lauren
To: [Schutz, Jackie](#); [Bustamante, Jeri](#)
Cc: [Lewis, McKinley](#); [Wyland, Kerri](#)
Subject: Fwd: 6/3/17 Evening TV Roundup
Date: Saturday, June 3, 2017 9:29:58 PM

Special session

Bn9 med marijuana focus- Rouson on camera

Tampa focus on local vetoes

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Statewide stories focused on med marijuana, other bills signed

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Wjxt inaccurately said gov will sign. I've clarified that the gov is still reviewing

License free fishing

Announcement about weekend

Ayala

Background on why case was reassigned, jury votes unanimously for death penalty

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Sent: Saturday, June 3, 2017 7:02:20 PM
Subject: 6/3/17 Evening TV Roundup

6/3/17 Evening TV Roundup

State Budget/Special Session

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State Budget: Education

- WJXT-JAX - Jacksonville, FL, 6/3/2017 6:01:07 PM
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License-Free Fishing Weekend

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Bradenton Herald - Education

OCTOBER 28, 2015

Florida Board of Education resists educator-parent pressure on test scores

By KRISTEN M. CLARKHerald/Times Tallahassee Bureau

TALLAHASSEE -- Members of the Florida Board of Education want Education

Commissioner Pam Stewart to provide them with more data to help them set passing marks for the new statewide assessment, which continues to attract backlash from superintendents, teachers and parents statewide.

Standing by the Florida Standards Assessments and in an effort to prove the test's increased difficulty, Stewart has recommended "cut scores" that are generally higher than the state's previous standardized test, which she said "demonstrates that the trend in Florida has been to increase the rigor" of exams.

State board members, during their monthly meeting Wednesday in Orlando, signaled the

proposed cutoff scores aren't tough enough. they want Stewart to give them information about how cut scores are defined for the National Assessments of Educational Progress, as well as for other standardized tests in states that lead the nation in educational assessment, such as New York or Massachusetts. They also want her to suggest cut scores that are within 10 points of NAEP's, in the interest of potentially making FSA's passing marks more competitive with national standards.

In a coincidence of timing with the board's meeting, the NAEP results were also released Wednesday. Statewide, performance was flat or lower in all tested areas.

Board Vice Chairman John Padgett was particularly upset at the state's eighth-grade math results in the NAEP, which he called a "disaster." Florida ranked 45th out of 50 states. If the board adopted Stewart's recommendation as is, more students could "pass" the FSA than achieve "proficiency" on the NAEP, which creates a disconnect in what the state expects from its students, he said.

"We have to revisit cut scores and recommendations, legislative priorities and budget priorities and figure out what more we have to do to assist our schools and teachers," Padgett said. "The present results are not acceptable to me."

As members of the State Board of Education work toward setting passing marks for the FSA, superintendents, teachers and other education groups renewed their passionate call for state officials to throw out results from the test's debut last school year and not use them in evaluating schools and teachers.

The State Board of Education heard almost five hours of testimony from stakeholders Wednesday but won't vote on adopting new cut scores until January.

Several members of the "Opt Out" movement condemned standardized testing altogether, while representatives for teachers and superintendents urged the board to use the FSA results simply as a baseline to build off in future years. They repeated their request to have the state issue "incomplete" grades for schools in 2014-15, since the FSA results can't be compared with the previous FCAT 2.0 for the purposes of assessing changes in student performance.

"Grading schools without including all the components is not an accurate reflection of the work of our students or our teachers. It's not valid and it's certainly not fair," said Pasco County Superintendent Kurt Browning, who spoke on behalf of the Florida Association of District School Superintendents.

"I sincerely do not understand Florida's reluctance to hit the pause button for one year," Browning added. "Let's use 2015 as a true baseline and not issue school grades or make decisions based on that data."

Stewart has forged ahead with using the exam results, after a Legislature-mandated, independent review of the Florida Standards Assessments found that the exam results could be used to evaluate students collectively in schools, districts and statewide, but they couldn't be used to assess individual students.

The administration of the first FSA last spring was marred by technical glitches, including a cyber attack. Because of that — and because some of the questions were based not entirely on Florida's education standards — superintendents, teachers and education groups continue to criticize the test.

Stewart and the Department of Education do have support, though, from the state's largest business organization. Florida Chamber of Commerce President Mark Wilson said, in the interest of economic development and a skilled workforce for future jobs, the state education board should move ahead with issuing school grades.

"Please don't settle for incomplete and please don't put our students on pause," Wilson said. "Put the long-term interest of Florida ahead of the short-term interest of adults."

School grades will be calculated after the cut scores for the FSA are adopted in January. Stewart said she'd gather as much data as she could to provide board members before then in helping them make their decision about the cut scores. Her official recommendation won't change.

Cut scores are of particular significance in the third-grade English exam, the 10th-grade English exam and the Algebra 1 end-of-course exam. If students don't pass, they can't advance to fourth grade or, in the case of high school exams, graduate. Students taking the FSA last spring aren't harmed by that, because decisions about matriculation and graduation were already made over the summer.

The Board of Education sets cut scores whenever there is a new statewide assessment or whenever educational standards change. Board member Gary Chartrand said setting cut scores is "the single most important job this board has."

"We have to get them right," Chartrand said. "The school grading system — we can deal with that after setting cut scores. We have a major responsibility to our kids and the state of Florida to get this right."

From: McDougal, Kim
To: Lomagistro, Collin
Subject: Fwd: Bills Passed on Thursday, April 9, 2015
Date: Thursday, April 9, 2015 5:48:41 PM

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HB 7069 - Education Accountability

SB 94 – Closing the Gap Grant Program

SB 290 – Carrying a Concealed Weapon or a Concealed Firearm

SB 456 – Labor Pools

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From: McDougal, Kim
To: Spicola, Ashley
Subject: Fwd: Budget Concerns
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Subject: Budget Concerns

Dear Governor Scott:

America remains the land of opportunity, and those opportunities are exponentially increased with a solid education. Whether that education is obtained through public schools, private schools, charter schools, or homeschooling, it is essential to the success of our citizenry and to our nation. As governor, you have embraced an obligation to that citizenry and we are grateful for your commitment. I am asking at this time that you please exercise prudence and prayer when considering the current proposed legislation placed before you; specifically HB 7069. The impact of that legislation will be adversely felt throughout the state and is certain to be felt deeply in the marrow of public schools; schools

attended by the majority of Florida students.

Current proposals restrict the flexibility a small district like Gulf has over the day-to-day management of schools by limiting funds and limiting the manner in which funds are used. There are many challenges inherent in the operation of a small rural district, particularly one with a high percentage of economically disadvantaged students, but we are fortunate to have an understanding of our current educational system, the communities we serve, our educators, and the specific needs of our students. Because we have that intimate understanding, we are able to see the detrimental effects in store should HB 7069 become law and humbly ask that you veto it.

Thank you for your service as our governor and leader of this state. Again, your strong consideration in rejecting bad law is greatly appreciated by not only me, but most everyone I know and represent. Thanks again.

Most sincerely,

Jim Norton

Superintendent of Gulf County Schools

150 Middle School Road

Port St. Joe, FL 32456

850-229-8256

850-227-5883 (cell)

From: McDougal, Kim
To: Solco, Ashley; Kelly, Cynthia
Subject: Expansion of the Gardner Scholarship HB 15 and HB 7069
Date: Tuesday, May 9, 2017 5:41:03 PM

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Date: May 9, 2017 at 1:59:27 PM EDT
To: <kim.mcdougal@eng.myflorida.com>
Subject: Expansion of the Gardner Scholarship HB 15 and HB 7069

Dear Chief of Staff McDougal,

I am writing to you, Governor Scott's Education Policy Advisor and Chief of Staff, to share my family's story so that the Governor can get some insight into why the Gardner Scholarship expansion and House Bills HB 15 and HB 7069 are so important to families like ours.

My name is Cristina Ruiz Maxwell, and I am the mother of an 8 year old boy who was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor at age 5. It was the worst day of our lives. Nicolas received brain surgery to remove the tumor followed by radiation and chemotherapy for over a year. During the surgery, he also suffered a stroke. We are so lucky to have Nicolas with us today.

Unfortunately, as a result of the tumor itself and the treatment to save his life, Nicolas now has severe learning disabilities which require daily speech, physical and occupational therapy. He also requires personal one-on-one teachers who are trained in teaching children with his disabilities. The cost to our family for the recommended plan of care and education would be over \$50,000 per year. Like you, I am a graduate of Tulane and have been in public service nearly my entire adult life. As you can imagine, the cost of these therapies and tutors are more than my family, or any working family for that matter, can afford. We provide Nicolas with the best that we can, but not everything that he needs and deserves.

Prior to HB 15, children with other disabilities were eligible for the Gardner Scholarship, but pediatric cancer survivors were not. Pediatric cancer survivors, especially if they received radiation to the brain like my son, suffer learning disabilities as severe if not more severe than some of the diagnoses currently eligible. HB 15 gives pediatric cancer patients, and children with other rare diseases, an opportunity to be considered for the Gardner Scholarship, and HB 7069 provides the funding necessary to expand the scholarship beyond the children already enrolled.

We the parents of pediatric cancer survivors want to help our children acquire the skills and education necessary to be productive members of society. Cancer and the long-term effects of the treatment have left our children with life-long struggles. Help through the Gardner Scholarship expansion would go a long way in helping our children achieve their potential.

If you would like to speak with me and learn more about Nicolas's story and that of many other pediatric cancer survivors, please don't hesitate to call. I am very active in the pediatric cancer survivor community, and my son's story is not unique. These kids are fighters!

Please urge the Governor to sign HB 15 and HB 7069 and give these kids a fighting chance!

IF YOU'VE EVER SEEN A KID FIGHT CANCER, IT WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE FOREVER...

Cristina Maxwell, mom to Nic- Cancer Survivor!
786-564-9116





From: Fay, Megan
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Subject: Fwd: FAF Veto Request - CS/HB 7069 Education
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Date: May 30, 2017 at 10:47:42 AM EDT
To: Undisclosed recipients;;
Subject: FAF Veto Request - CS/HB 7069 Education

Attached is our veto request for CS/HB 7069, the education bill.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

B.

Barbara A. Petersen, President
First Amendment Foundation
317 East Park Avenue
Tallahassee, FL 32301
800.337.3518







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May 30, 2017

The Honorable Rick Scott
Office of the Governor
The Capitol
400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Re: VETO REQUEST HB 7069 Education Bill

Dear Governor Scott:

We are writing to respectfully request that you veto HB 7069, the education bill. Our concerns relate only to the lack of transparency in the process by which major policy decisions regarding Florida's education system were decided.

According to all reports, major education policy decisions included in HB 7069 were largely decided in secret by a small number of legislators. The secretive process precluded any opportunity for public oversight or input on major changes to Florida's education policy. Alarming, local school officials were also shut out of the process, as were many legislators who were ultimately asked to approve this voluminous and complicated legislation decided in a manner closed even to them.

Our citizens deserve the respect and the commitment of our elected leaders to uphold our Florida Sunshine laws, a 33 years old tradition and benchmark of good government.

We ask that you veto HB 7069 and allow the Legislature to come back to Tallahassee to reconsider the budget in a more open and transparent manner during a special session.

Sincerely,

Barbara A. Petersen, President

Cc: Jon Kaney, General Counsel, First Amendment Foundation
Samuel Morley, General Counsel, Florida Press Association
Gil Thelen, Executive Director, Florida Society of News Editors

From: McDougal, Kim
To: Schutz, Jackie
Subject: Fwd: FASA Veto Letter
Date: Thursday, May 18, 2017 10:23:40 AM
Attachments: [FASA Veto Letter FINAL.pdf](#)
[ATT00001.htm](#)

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From: Jessica Janasiewicz <jessica@rutledge-ecenia.com>
Date: May 18, 2017 at 9:43:10 AM EDT
To: "Spicola, Ashley" <Ashley.Spicola@LASPBS.STATE.FL.US>
Cc: "kim.mcdougal@eog.myflorida.com" <kim.mcdougal@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: FASA Veto Letter

Good morning!

Attached is a letter from the Florida Association of School Administrators (FASA) asking that the Governor veto HB 7069. FASA staff is hand delivering a copy of the letter to the plaza level this morning as well.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

~ Jessica

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Florida Association of School Administrators

May 18, 2017

The Honorable Rick Scott
Governor, State of Florida
The Capitol, Plaza Level 5
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Dear Governor Scott:

On behalf of the Florida Association of School Administrators, we urge you to veto HB 7069 and support the proper funding of public education. FASA represents more than 11,300 administrators spanning from the smallest, rural districts to the some of the largest school districts in the United States such as Miami-Dade County. All school districts, no matter how small or large, will be directly affected by HB 7069 and need your help.

We support your efforts to make Florida's schools the best in the nation and to attract new businesses and jobs to grow Florida's economy. While there are provisions in HB 7069 that are positive, we feel that most of the elements contained in HB 7069 run counter to your goals for Florida's education system and economy.

Provisions in the bill relating to the allocation of federal Title I funds will remove cost-efficient measures currently in place in school districts to support programs and replace them with an inefficient funding design which will reduce services for students. Lack of parity with regard to the funding for charter and traditional schools will hurt traditional public schools. In order to attract new businesses to Florida, our state must have a strong system of public schools. This system includes traditional and charter schools. Without equity in funding to serve our lowest performing schools, traditional schools will be unable to provide the types of additional services that all students deserve.

FASA stands ready to work with you to champion a budget and policies that are reflective of our shared goals of an outstanding system of schools, high standards of achievement for our



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students and positioning Florida as an attractive location for new businesses. We ask that you veto HB 7069 and pledge to work with you as we move forward.

Juhan Mixon, Ed.D.
Executive Director
Florida Association of School Administrators



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From: [Piepenbrink, Brad](#)
To: [Haworth, Virginia](#)
Subject: Fwd: Governor appointments.
Date: Monday, February 16, 2015 3:56:28 PM

FYI

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Stephen Wise" <srwise@att.net>
Date: February 16, 2015 at 3:33:43 PM EST
To: "Piepenbrink, Brad" <Brad.Piepenbrink@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: Re: Governor appointments.
Reply-To: <srwise@att.net>

Brad:

That time is great.. Thanks for providing a time for me.

Steve

Original message

From: "Piepenbrink, Brad" <Brad.Piepenbrink@eog.myflorida.com>
To: srwise@att.net;
Dated: 2/16/2015 3:26:55 PM
Subject: Re: Governor appointments.

Hello Senator,

Of course, do you want to plan for 4:30pm tomorrow (Tuesday)?

Thanks!

Brad Piepenbrink

Sent from my iPhone

> On Feb 16, 2015, at 12:37 PM, Stephen Wise <srwise@att.net> wrote:
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> Brad:
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> Would you be available to talk with me after 4:PM tomorrow or on
Wednesday morning anytime about the State Board of Education vacancy and
the Education Commission of the States which are appointments by the
Governor?
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>

> There are two issues I want to talk with you about. The first is the appointment of Gary Chartrand to the State Board of Education and the second is about the Education Commission of the States [ECS] and an appointment of myself to their Board. As a Senator, I was on ECS Steering Committee for 11 years and they provided me with consultants and research information when I was the Senate Appropriation Committee Chair for K-12 and also when I chaired the Senate k-12 Education Committee.

>

> Let me know this afternoon because I am driving to Tallahassee in the morning.

>

> Thanks for your consideration on these two appointments and when such appointments will be made.

>

> Stephen R. Wise

From: McDougal, Kim
To: [Vildostegui, Cody](#)
Subject: Fwd: HB 7069
Date: Friday, May 19, 2017 9:21:13 AM

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From: Gabriela Luna <gabrielaluna789@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2017 9:04:51 AM
To: McDougal, Kim
Subject: HB 7069

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Sincerely,

Gabriela Luna

From: McDougal, Kim
To: [Vildostegui, Cody](#); [Spicola, Ashley](#)
Subject: Fwd: HB 7069
Date: Friday, May 19, 2017 9:21:05 AM

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From: Gabriela Luna <gabrielaluna789@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2017 9:01:30 AM
To: McDougal, Kim
Subject: HB 7069

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From: McDougal, Kim
To: [Vildostegui, Cody](#); [Spicola, Ashley](#)
Subject: Fwd: HB 7069
Date: Friday, May 19, 2017 9:22:00 AM

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From: melanie fernandez <melanief0626@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2017 8:11:52 AM
To: McDougal, Kim
Subject: HB 7069

Dear Mrs. Mcdougal,

My name is Melanie Fernandez and I am an 8th grader at Mater Academy Charter Middle High in Miami, Florida. I am writing you today regarding HB7069. This bill can directly impact my classmates and I. These EOC's and FSA Exams we are subject to are grossly unreasonable. Every year we start earlier and earlier, limiting our instruction time and increasing testing time. The stress is too much for the younger kids, with the pressure of pass/fail being placed on us since the 5th grade. As a Charter school student I feel I am privileged to be receiving the education that I am in the school that I am and want to make sure I don't lose this opportunity because I live in another "zone." I urge you to please encourage our Governor to sign HB7069.

Sincerely,

Melanie Fernandez.

From: McDougal, Kim
To: Spicola, Ashley
Subject: Fwd: HB7069
Date: Thursday, May 18, 2017 10:21:18 AM

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Raul Martinez <raulito30513@gmail.com>
Date: May 18, 2017 at 8:05:04 AM EDT
To: kim.mcdougal@eog.myflorida.com
Subject: HB7069

My name is Raul Martinez and I attend Mater Academy High school. I support the house bill 7069

From: Schutz, Jackie
To: Press
Subject: Fwd: Have any op-eds run?
Date: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 9:59:28 AM

Alert

Jackie Schutz

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Collins, Meghan" <Meghan.Collins@fldoe.org>
Date: May 26, 2015 at 9:56:46 AM EDT
To: "Schutz, Jackie" <Jackie.Schutz@eog.myflorida.com>
Cc: "Sunburst" <sunburst@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: RE: Have any op-eds run?

Mr. Padget's ran in the Key West Citizen: <http://keysnews.com/node/66981>.

From: Collins, Meghan
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 8:48 AM
To: 'Schutz, Jackie'
Cc: Sunburst
Subject: RE: Have any op-eds run?

Yes, see below. We received confirmation that John Paget's would run in the Miami Herald, but I haven't seen it yet. Looking into it and will update you.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->1. <!--[endif]-->Gary Chartrand in The Florida Times-Union:
<http://jacksonville.com/opinion/letters-readers/2015-05-22/story/lead-letter-make-floridas-students-high-priority>

From: Schutz, Jackie [<mailto:Jackie.Schutz@eog.myflorida.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 8:21 AM
To: Collins, Meghan
Cc: Sunburst
Subject: Have any op-eds run?

From: Schutz, Jackie
To: Tupps, John
Subject: Fwd: Hi J: Strictly for planning purps...
Date: Monday, June 12, 2017 3:01:51 PM

Jackie Schutz

Begin forwarded message:

From: John Kennedy <jkennedyreport@gmail.com>
Date: June 12, 2017 at 2:56:29 PM EDT
To: "Schutz, Jackie" <Jackie.Schutz@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: Hi J: Strictly for planning purps...

Does action on HB 7069 look like it's going to be in Orlando on Thursday? That's what TwitterWorld is reporting....

Thanks!

From: McDougal, Kim
To: Kathy Heide; Solola, Ashley
Subject: Fwd: Hot off the presses....
Date: Tuesday, September 15, 2015 9:12:42 PM

Lets chat

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Gary Chartrand <gchartrand@acosta.com>
Date: September 15, 2015 at 8:26:07 PM EDT
To: "kim.mcdougal@eog.myflorida.com" <kim.mcdougal@eog.myflorida.com>, "kim.mcdougal@laspbs.sl.us" <kim.mcdougal@laspbs.sl.us>, "Kim.mcdougal@laspbs.state.fl.us" <Kim.mcdougal@laspbs.state.fl.us>
Subject: FW: Hot off the presses....

Even the socialist understand how important it is to offer Computer science in all schools.

http://mobile.nytimes.com/2015/09/16/nyregion/de-blasio-to-announce-10-year-deadline-to-offer-computer-science-to-all-students.html?module=Notification&version=BreakingNews®ion=FixedTop&action=Click&contentCollection=BreakingNews&contentID=50796972&pgtype=Homepage&_r=0&referrer=

Governor Scott should take the lead here as did Arkansas Gov. last year to insure all high schools OFFER CS Not a course requirement just have it available. Look forward to our meeting.

http://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=1&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=0CCEQFJAAahUKEwiE9uTxo_rHAhWjDZIKHJUpAL4&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.educationnews.org%2Ftechnology%2Farkansas-hutchinson-signs-computer-science-bill%2F&usq=AFOjCNHIYU7gw_Kyal0ZWj-kdIblonj8w&bvm=bv.102537793,d.aWw

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Excellence is never an accident. It is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, and intelligent execution;
It represents the wise choice of many alternatives - choice, not chance, determines your destiny.

— Aristotle



Please consider the environment before printing this email.

From: McDougal, Kim
To: Spicola, Ashley
Subject: Fwd: I see no note from you here, Kim. Please do again. Dave
Date: Saturday, January 10, 2015 4:38:29 PM

Please handle asap...thanks...are you Cody and Brandi tracking emails, general requests and assignments that I give yall? If not do you think this would be a good idea?

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Dave Lawrence" <dlawrence@childreadiness.org>
Date: January 10, 2015 at 11:57:24 AM EST
To: "McDougal, Kim" <Kim.McDougal@eog.myflorida.com>
Cc: "Spicola, Ashley" <Ashley.Spicola@LASPBS.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: RE: I see no note from you here, Kim. Please do again. Dave

Thanks, Kim.

Dave

From: McDougal, Kim [<mailto:Kim.McDougal@eog.myflorida.com>]
Sent: Saturday, January 10, 2015 10:37 AM
To: Dave Lawrence
Cc: Ashley Spicola
Subject: Re: I see no note from you here, Kim. Please do again. Dave

I forwarded to folks who will respond with details to make sure you complete the web based application Thanks for letting us know about your interest in serving

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On Jan 9, 2015, at 6:32 PM, Dave Lawrence <dlawrence@childreadiness.org> wrote:

From: McDougal, Kim [Kim.McDougal@eog.myflorida.com]
Sent: Friday, January 09, 2015 5:23 PM
To: Dave Lawrence
Subject: RE: Please help if you can...

From: Dave Lawrence [<mailto:dlawrence@childreadiness.org>]
Sent: Thursday, January 08, 2015 3:11 PM
To: McDougal, Kim; Gary Chartrand (gchartrand@acosta.com)
Subject: Please help if you can...

Kim/Gary:

Perhaps one or both of you could help.

Am told that the Governor and the Commissioner of Education are setting up a task force to review education policies in Florida. If so, would love to have an early education person on that task force, and would welcome being that person.

Thanks for whatever is possible.

Dave Lawrence

From: McDougal, Kim
To: Ott, Linzee
Subject: Fwd: Kim McDougal April 1 @ 2pm
Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 1:00:43 PM

Can u schedule

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Jessica Hooper" <jhooper@pltw.org>
Date: March 31, 2015 at 11:28:10 AM EDT
To: "McDougal, Kim" <kim.mcdougal@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: Kim McDougal April 1 @ 2pm

Hello Kim,

I understand and respect how busy you are. We had a conference call yesterday with Gary Chartrand and he suggested I reach out to you again. We have a meeting scheduled tomorrow with your staff Ashley Spicola and Brandy Young at 2pm and if your schedule permits would love for you to join us.

We do have very exciting news with our business partners who have invested \$2 million dollars into STEM education in Florida. We would like to update you on our work and learn from you how we can be more helpful.

We have trained 499 teachers in Florida and are serving over 15,000 students in 130 Florida schools this year. We will be serving more than 500 schools in the next two years and work with Florida universities to train our teachers. Please let me know if you would have time tomorrow at 2pm or if you would prefer a different time.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Respectfully,
Jessica Hooper

Jessica T. Hooper
Director of Policy, Advocacy, and Research Eastern United States
Project Lead The Way, Inc.
phone: 239.272.9109 twitter: @jthooper
skype: pltwjessicahooper www.pltw.org

From: Jessica Hooper

Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 1:37 PM

To: 'kim.mcdougal@eog.myflorida.com'

Subject: Meeting Request with Governor Scott and Kim McDougal 4/1-2 - PLTW

Hello Ms. McDougal,

I have submitted a formal meeting request through the Governor's scheduler. We recently had a \$2 million investment from one of our corporate partners Lockheed Martin in the full district wide expansion of our STEM program; Project Lead The Way (PLTW.) We would like to meet with you and Governor Scott to discuss how we can help prepare students for the ever changing economy and meet the needs of industry.

Project Lead The Way (PLTW) is the national leader in STEM education. We are a national non-profit organization who writes curriculum for students K-12 and our courses are offered in over 150 Florida schools. We focus on biomedical science, engineering, and computer science.

We are grateful for the continued leadership of Governor Scott and support his STEM residency initiative.

Our leadership will be in town visiting with education policy leaders and we would like to meet with you and Governor Scott on April 1st or 2nd at any time that is convenient for your schedules.

We are very respectful of time and will be brief. Our agenda would include the following:

- <!--[if !supportLists]-->1. <!--[endif]-->Thank you
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->2. <!--[endif]-->provide a high level PLTW Florida update
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->3. <!--[endif]-->investment by our corporate partner in Florida. (Link below)

[Lockheed Martin multi-million dollar investment in PLTW in Orange County Public Schools Florida](#)

- <!--[if !supportLists]-->4. <!--[endif]-->Our support of STEM residency program

We would have the following representatives with us:

Tom Luna, National Chief Policy Officer and former State Superintendent of Public Instruction Idaho
Glade Montgomery, Vice President Engagement
Lanny Wood, Director of School Engagement Florida

Here is a [PLTW Fact Sheet](#)

Please let Governor Scott know that his friends in Naples are very proud of him. I worked for the Naples Chamber and was an aide to a State Representative from Collier County several years ago.

I look forward to hearing from you.
Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Respectfully,
Jessica Hooper

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From: McDougal, Kim
To: Spicola, Ashley
Subject: Fwd: Letter to Gov. Scott Regarding HB 7069
Date: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 7:31:13 AM

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From: Diane Hutchings <diane.hutchings@stjca.org>
Date: May 16, 2017 at 9:27:02 PM EDT
To: kim.mcdougal@eog.myflorida.com
Subject: Letter to Gov. Scott Regarding HB 7069

Honorable Rick Scott
Office of the Governor
Plaza Level 05
400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Governor Rick Scott,

It is with urgency that I write to you this evening in support of HB7069. Our students are in every way deserving of adequate facilities as their families make the decision to send their child/children to the school they feel their child can experience the highest degree of success. The choice should be on the culture and curriculum of the school campus and should not require giving up adequate facilities.

I also hope that you will support the process of sending all Federal Title 1 funds directly to the school the student attends. As charter schools, we often find ourselves waiting for district response and/or being provided only a portion of the *students* funding while we strive to provide every service each student qualifies for. Please provide us with the control to ensure all resources follow the student who qualifies for them.

For the Children,

Diane Hutchings

Diane Hutchings
President


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From: McDougal, Kim
To: Spicola, Ashley
Cc: Schutz, Jackie
Subject: Fwd: Line- Item Veto the FEFP in Budget
Date: Monday, May 15, 2017 6:11:35 PM
Attachments: [AMC L1099.pdf](#)
[ATT00001.htm](#)

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Superintendent's Office <Superintendent'sOffice@dadeschools.net>
Date: May 15, 2017 at 6:04:34 PM EDT
To: "kim.mcdougal@eog.myflorida.com" <kim.mcdougal@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: Line- Item Veto the FEFP in Budget

May 12, 2017

The Honorable Rick Scott
Plaza Level 05, The Capitol
400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Dear Governor Scott:

On Monday, May 8, 2017, the Florida House and Senate passed their proposed 2017 Florida budget and pertinent conforming bills. Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) urges you to line-item veto the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) component of the proposed state budget. The budget is completely out of alignment with the needs of public schools and our students.

Among the provisions of the Conference Agreement related to the FEFP are the following:

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Provides an increase of \$241.4 million statewide, or 1.2%, the lowest since 2011-2012;
<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Provides a \$24.49, or 0.34%, increase in total per student funding;
<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Reduces the Base Student Allocation (BSA) by \$27.07, or -0.65%, to \$4,133.64; and
<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Reduces Required Local Effort (RLE) by 0.316, resulting in a revenue loss of \$577 million statewide and \$88 million for M-DCPS.

The proposed budget will pay for none of M-DCPS projected expense increases for 2017-2018, including:

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For the aforementioned reasons, we respectfully request that you line-item veto the FEFP component of the State budget. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Ms. Iraida R. Mendez-Cartaya, Associate Superintendent, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Grants Administration, and Community Engagement, at 305 995-1497.

Sincerely,

Alberto M. Carvalho
Superintendent of Schools

AMC:emr
L1099

cc: School Board Members
School Board Attorney
Superintendent's Cabinet

Dr. Kim McDougal



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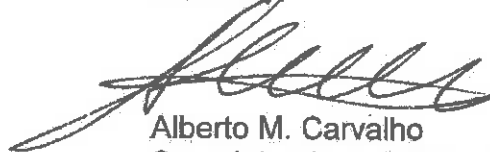
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- Increased utilities costs (\$6 million).

In fact, the FEFP dollars provided will only cover the increase in the Florida Retirement System (FRS)-mandated expenditures forcing budget reductions. Perhaps the most impactful provision is that the legislature has reduced the RLE, resulting in a BSA that is \$27.07 lower per student than the current year. **In fact, the proposed 2017-2018 BSA is lower than the BSA a decade ago. What is worse, this is the first time in the State of Florida's history that the BSA has been cut in a non-recession year.** All this in the same year where the Legislature has provided \$140 million in additional funding to

Schools of Hope and \$214 million in teacher bonuses for only certain teachers through the Best and Brightest program. These bonuses are non-recurring and have no impact on teachers' FRS earnings or retention. If the \$414 million were instead put back into the budget as part of the BSA, we would have had approximately a 2 percent increase in funding statewide.

For the aforementioned reasons, we respectfully request that you line-item veto the FEFP component of the State budget. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Ms. Iraida R. Mendez-Cartaya, Associate Superintendent, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Grants Administration, and Community Engagement, at 305 995-1497.

Sincerely,



Alberto M. Carvalho
Superintendent of Schools

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Dr. Kim McDougal

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Hi Jackie. Who is on this committee besides Dr. Joe Joyner?
Thanks,

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MEDIA ADVISORY

Florida Standards Assessment Review Selection Panel Meeting Notice

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — On Friday, May 15, 2015, the Florida Standards Review Selection Panel will be holding its first meeting via conference call.

CS/HB 7069, signed by Governor Scott on April 14, 2015, called for a three-person selection panel to choose a vendor to conduct a third party review of the 2014-2015 Florida Standards Assessment. The panel will hold an organizational meeting to discuss and adopt a scope of work for the review, a list of qualified entities, and a

timeline for completion of the work. The panel must select an independent entity no later than June 1, 2015.

WHAT: Meeting

WHEN: Friday, May 15, 2015 at 8:00 AM

WHERE: Via Telephone: (877) 299-4502
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From: Collins, Meghan
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From: Commissioner Stewart
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Subject: Memorandum on Use of Florida Standards Assessments End-of-Course Exam Results

Superintendents,

Please find attached a memo addressing the use of Florida Standards Assessments End-of-Course exam results for Algebra I, Algebra II and Geometry in the 2014-2015 school year. We have also updated other technical assistance information on House Bill 7069. The presentation made to the Florida Organization of Instructional Leaders on May 6 has been updated, is attached, and can be found at <http://www.fldoe.org/schools/k-12-public-schools/foil.stml>.

Sincerely,
Pam Stewart



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MEMORANDUM

TO: School District Superintendents

FROM: Hershel Lyons

DATE: May 18, 2015

SUBJECT: Preliminary Technical Assistance on House Bill 7069

On May 6, the Florida Department of Education presented information on House Bill 7069 to the Florida Organization of Instructional Leaders (FOIL). Part of this presentation included questions and discussion with school districts on implementation scenarios. Based on this discussion, we are pleased to provide the FOIL presentation with updated information at <http://www.fldoe.org/schools/k-12-public-schools/foil.stml>.

One of the pieces of information we did not have final for the FOIL presentation is the question of how Florida Standards Assessments End-of-Course (EOC) exam results in Algebra I, Algebra II and Geometry should factor into students' course grades (as applicable given their ninth grade cohort), since those results will not be released until the validity study required by House Bill 7069 is completed.

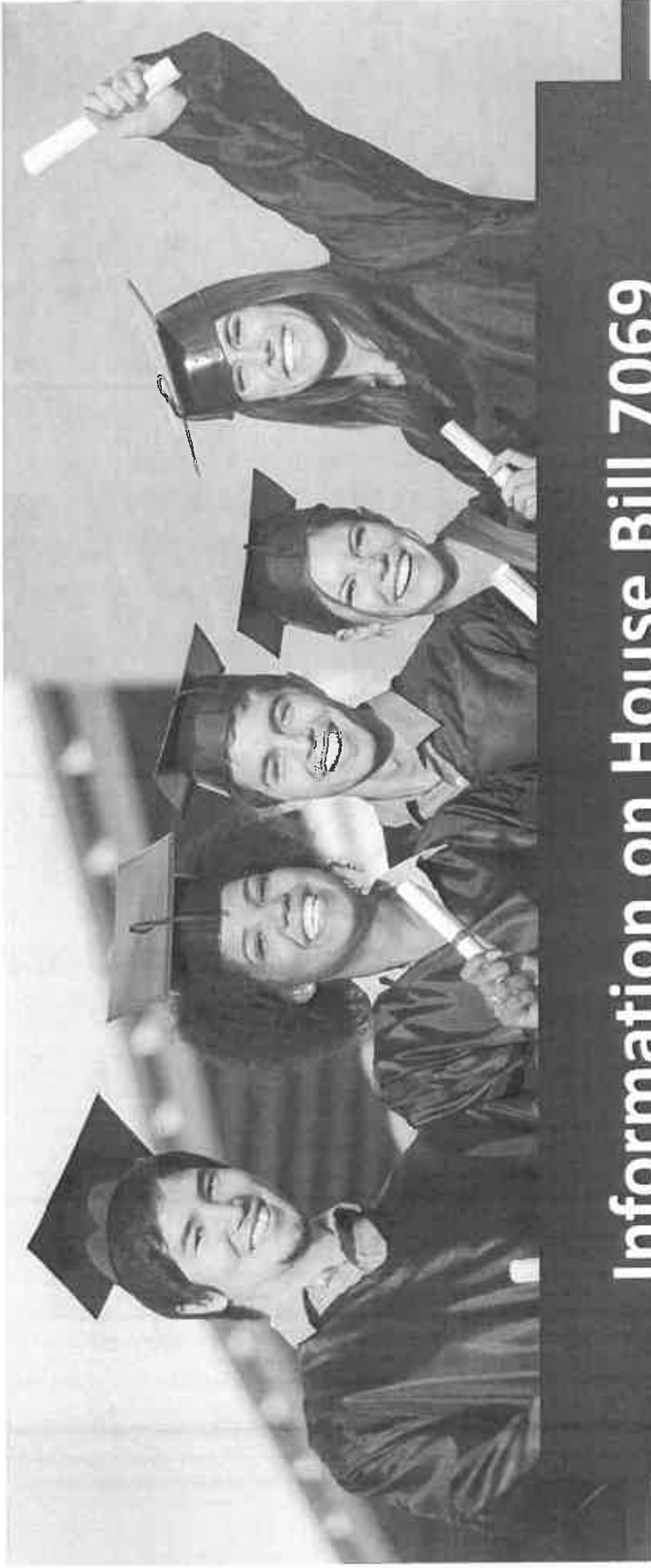
For the 2014-2015 school year only, because of the unavailability of independently verified statewide assessment results in Algebra I, Algebra II and Geometry, the statutory requirements to include these results in the final course grade are inoperative. As a result, school districts should calculate final course grades and make promotion decisions without regard to the 30 percent requirement that typically applies. The absence of EOC results alone in these courses should not result in a grade of incomplete.

Districts may choose to establish a policy regarding recalculating course grades when scores are available. If this recommendation is applied, the policy should be applied district-wide to all students for whom the recalculation results in an advantage.

As a reminder, the 30 percent requirement still applies for EOC results in Biology I, U.S. History and Civics, as those results will be released in June.

Additional technical assistance on specific topics is forthcoming. Thank you for your continued support as we work together in the best interest of students.

HERSHEL LYONS
CHANCELLOR OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Information on House Bill 7069

FOIL Spring Conference

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House Bill 7069 has 15 Sections

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| 1. School start date | 13. Educator evaluation |
| 2. K-3 reading | 14. Professional development |
| 3. Middle grades requirements | 15. Effective date (upon becoming law – April 14, 2015) |
| 4. High school requirements | |
| 5. Diploma designations | |
| 6. Academically high-performing districts | |
| 7. Statewide assessment | |
| 8. Test administration | |
| 9. Student progression | |
| 10. Common placement testing | |
| 11. School grading system | |
| 12. Educator evaluation | |

The bill text can be accessed at
[http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/
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7069&Session=2015](http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Documents/loaddoc.aspx?FileName= h7069er.docx&DocumentType=Bill&BillNumber=7069&Session=2015).

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Bill Language

- An introductory section with the purpose or action of the bill
 - HB 7069, “An act relating to education accountability”
- The sections of law the bill revises, deletes, amends, or establishes with short descriptions
 - In numerical order by section of law
 - In many cases does not include entire sections of law, therefore should not be interpreted in isolation of the other parts of the unchanged text
 - May delete text that is duplicative, therefore should not be interpreted in isolation of other sections
- The most recent legislation trumps conflicting rule.



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Section 1001.42, F.S. (Section 1 of HB 7069)

(4)(f) “ ...the opening date for schools in the district may not be earlier than August 10 each year.”

Paired with the addition of s. 1003.621(k), F.S., which requires academically high-performing school districts to comply with this new provision.

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What does this mean?

- Does this mean all school districts begin school August 10th?
- No, school districts may select their start date as long as it is not prior to August 10th.
- Does this mean school districts have to change their 2015-2016 start date if it is after August 10th?
- No, there is no requirement that districts change their start date unless it is set prior to August 10th.



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Section 1002.20, F.S. (Section 2 of HB 7069)

(11) Deletes the requirement that each elementary school regularly assess the reading ability of each K-3 student

Additionally, deletes naming a plan as a progress monitoring plan—plans are named in s. 1008.25(4)(b), F.S.

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What does this mean?

- Does it mean schools can no longer regularly assess K-3 student reading ability?
- This is a local decision. New legislation in s. 1008.25, F.S., requires, beginning immediately:
 - Districts establish a comprehensive plan for student progression that must:
 - Provide for a student's progression from one grade to another based on the student's mastery of the standards, specifically in English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies.
 - Include criteria that emphasizes student reading proficiency in kindergarten through grade 3.

What does this mean?

- So we no longer need to do a progress monitoring plan?
- S. 1008.25, F.S.: A student who is not meeting the school district or state requirements for satisfactory performance must be covered by one of the following plans:
 - A federally required student plan such as an individual education plan (IEP);
 - A schoolwide system of progress monitoring for all students, except a student who scores Level 4 or above in the specific subject area statewide assessment may be exempted from participation by the principal; or
 - An individual progress monitoring plan.

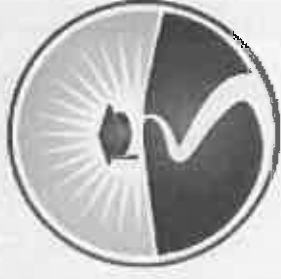


What does this mean?

- Does this affect our K-12 Reading Plan we just submitted?
- Our Just Read, Florida! Office will continue to work with you regarding any necessary amendments. In many cases the district reading plan template includes requirements that can now be the choice of the school district.

Related Information

- There will be no K-2 FAIR progress monitoring system for 2015-2016.
- The kindergarten readiness screener, WSS, will continue to be used next year with two additional reading observation elements added. This tool meets the state requirement for kindergarten screening.
- The results of this observation tool may be used by kindergarten teachers to provide instruction in any gaps observed in a child's kindergarten readiness.



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Section 1003.4156, F.S. (Section 3 of HB 7069)

Deletes only the requirement for middle grades students who score Level 1 or Level 2 on ELA FSA and/or Mathematics FSA to be enrolled in a remedial course or a content area course in which remediation strategies are incorporated.

Middle Grades Promotion – Change

- Deletes the requirement that students who score Level 1 or Level 2 on statewide assessments must enroll in and complete a remedial course or a content area course in which remediation strategies are incorporated into course content.

Middle Grades Promotion – Not Changed

- All other middle grades promotion requirements remain in place and unchanged.
- See slide 18 regarding middle grades students taking Algebra I, Algebra II, or Geometry for high school credit.

What does this mean?

- Since we don't have Level 1 and 2 scores before next year, do we just stop providing intensive reading or remediation?
- This is a local decision. Intensive courses are still options in the Course Code Directory.
- Since we are no longer required to remediate students, do we have to stop?
- This is a local decision. Intensive courses are still options in the Course Code Directory.



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Section 1003.4282, F.S. (Section 4 of HB 7069)

Deletes only the requirement for high school students who score Level 1 or Level 2 on ELA FSA and/or Algebra I EOC to be enrolled in a remedial course or a content area course in which remediation strategies are incorporated.



Requirements for a Standard High School Diploma – Change

- Deletes the requirement that students who score Level 1 or Level 2 on statewide assessments must enroll in and complete a remedial course or a content area course in which remediation strategies are incorporated into course content.
- S. 1008.30, F.S.: Deletes the requirement for specified 11th grade students to take a college-ready assessment and, if college-ready scores are not met, complete appropriate postsecondary preparatory instruction.



Requirements for a Standard High School Diploma – Not Changed

- All other high school standard diploma requirements remain in place and unchanged.

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What does this mean?

- Does the FSA EOC count for 30% of a student's course grade in Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry in 2014-2015 since those scores will not be available before the school year ends?
- Because of the unavailability of independently verified statewide assessment results in Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry, school districts should calculate final course grades and make promotion decisions without regard to the 30% requirement that typically applies.
- This also applies to middle grades students taking these courses for high school credit.
- The absence of EOC results alone in these courses do not result in an Incomplete.
- Districts may choose to establish a policy regarding recalculating course grades when scores are available. If this recommendation is applied, the policy should be applied district-wide to all students for whom the recalculation is an advantage.
- As a reminder, the 30% requirement still applies for EOC results in Biology I, U.S. History, and Civics, as those results will be released in June.

What does this mean?

- Have there been any changes to the Algebra I graduation requirement? What are these changes, if any?
- No, Algebra I graduation requirements have not changed.
- Since we don't have Level 1 and 2 scores before next year, do we just stop providing intensive reading or remediation?
- This is a local decision. Intensive courses are still options in the Course Code Directory.
- Since we are no longer required to remediate students, do we have to stop?
- This is a local decision. Intensive courses are still options in the Course Code Directory.

What does this mean?

- How should districts deal with seniors' EOC scores being delayed this year and how they can determine if the student will graduate?
- District policy may require EOC results to be part of a student's course grade. The chart on the next slide explains when state law requires an EOC assessment must count 30% of a student's course grade and when it is required for graduation. For example, state law only requires fifth-year high school students and students in the 2013-2014 ninth grade cohort and thereafter to have the Algebra I EOC count as 30% of the student's course grade. The fifth-year students (ninth grade cohort 2010-2011) most likely, if they still need to pass the Algebra I course, would have taken the NGSSS Algebra I EOC as a retake this spring. There is not a delay in the reporting of these results.



Ninth Grade Cohort Requirements

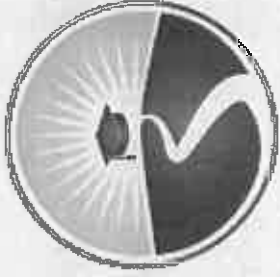
	Before 2010-2011	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014
Algebra I	Course required. Must Pass 10 th grade FCAT Mathematics to graduate.	Course required and EOC constitutes 30% of course grade.	Course required. EOC to graduate. EOC is <u>NOT</u> part of course grade and is <u>NOT</u> required for credit.	Course required. <u>Must</u> Pass EOC to graduate and EOC constitutes 30% of course grade.	Course required. <u>Must</u> Pass EOC to graduate and EOC constitutes 30% of course grade.
Algebra II		Course <u>NOT</u> required.			Course <u>NOT</u> required, but EOC constitutes 30% of course grade.
Geometry	Course <u>NOT</u> required.	Course required. The student must take EOC. EOC is <u>NOT</u> part of course grade and is <u>NOT</u> required for credit.			Course required and EOC constitutes 30% of course grade.
Biology I	Course <u>NOT</u> required. However, if the course is taken after 2010-2011, the student must take EOC. EOC is <u>NOT</u> part of course grade and is <u>NOT</u> required for credit.	Course and EOC required. EOC is <u>NOT</u> part of course grade and is <u>NOT</u> required for credit.			Course required and EOC constitutes 30% of course grade.
U.S. History	Course required. If the course is taken after 2011-2012, the student must take EOC. EOC is <u>NOT</u> part of course grade and is <u>NOT</u> required for credit.	Course required and EOC constitutes 30% of course grade.			Course required and EOC constitutes 30% of course grade.
Grade 10 English language arts	Course required. Must Pass 10 th grade FCAT Reading to graduate.				Course required. Must Pass 10 th grade ELA to graduate.
Online Course	Course <u>NOT</u> required.	Course <u>NOT</u> required.	At least one course within the 24 credits must be completed through online learning.		

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- State law only requires, for students enrolled in Geometry or Algebra II, the EOC assessment results to count 30% of a student's course grade for students in the 2013-2014 ninth grade cohort and thereafter. (Algebra II course credit is not a requirement for a standard high school diploma.) The district will need to make decisions for seniors if the district has a policy that includes Geometry or Algebra II EOC results as part of a student's course grade.
- There is no delay in the reporting of Biology I, U.S. History, and Civics EOC results.
- Ninth grade cohort graduation requirements can be found at <http://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-7087/dps-2014-89a.pdf>.



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Section 1003.4285, F.S. (Section 5 of HB 7069)

Deletes the requirement that students entering grade 9 in 2014-2015 pass the grade 11 ELA FSA in order to be eligible for a Scholar designation.



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Section 1003.621, F.S. (Section 6 of HB 7069)

Requires academically high-performing school districts to comply with the new school start date provision in s. 1001.42, F.S.

(4)(f) “...the opening date for schools in the district may not be earlier than August 10 each year.”

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What does this mean?

- Does this mean all high-performing school districts begin school August 10th?
- No, school districts may select their start date as long as it is not prior to August 10th.
- Does this mean high-performing school districts have to change their 2015-2016 start date if it is prior to August 10th?
- Yes, high-performing school districts may not start earlier than August 10th.



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Section 1008.22, F.S. (Section 7 of HB 7069)

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What does this mean?

- Which assessments were eliminated from the statewide assessment program?
- The grade 11 FSA ELA was eliminated.

What does this mean?

- When will all of the statewide assessments be administered online?
- All FSAs will be computer-based according to the following timeline, which matches the planned transition timeline:
 - 2015-2016 – Grade 4 FSA ELA
 - 2016-2017 – Grades 3 & 4 FSA Mathematics
 - 2017-2018 – Grade 3 FSA ELA
- The bill does not require computer-based testing for FCAT 2.0 Science.

What does this mean?

- Since most of the EOC subsection was deleted, have the course grading or graduation requirements for EOCs changed?
- Duplicative language was deleted. Course grading requirements are found in s. 1003.4156, F.S., for middle school students and s. 1003.4282, F.S., for high school students; the Algebra I graduation requirement is found in s. 1003.4282, F.S.; and the comparative score provision for Algebra I is found in s. 1008.22(8), F.S.
- Can districts require middle grades students to take FSA Mathematics or FCAT 2.0 Science if they are taking an EOC in the same subject area as part of their course requirements?
- No, language prohibiting double-testing is now found in s. 1008.22(3)(b)2, F.S.

What does this mean?

- What kinds of tests are districts allowed to administer for courses with statewide EOCs?
- Districts may administer tests that focus on specific course content, such as chapter tests, in an effort to monitor student learning throughout the course. Districts may not administer a final cumulative examination if the course has a statewide EOC as part of its requirements.

District-required local assessments may be used as the final exam for non-statewide EOC courses.

- Are districts required to administer an assessment in each course that does not already have a statewide assessment?
- No, districts are not required to administer an assessment for each course.

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What does this mean?

- What happens to all of the district assessments? Do districts have to stop administering them?
- Districts may continue to use the assessments they have implemented for measuring student performance, or they may discontinue their use and implement other methods for determining student performance.
- Will the department continue to provide an item bank for districts to use?
- If funding is available and participation is sufficient, the Commissioner plans to assist districts by maintaining a statewide item bank.

What does this mean?

- What does the 5% testing requirement include?
- Districts may not schedule more than 5% of a student's total school hours to administer statewide and district-required local assessments. This includes a student's actual scheduled testing time. It does not include entire "testing windows."
- Assessment definitions will be adopted in State Board rule.
- What is 5% of the school year?
- 5% of 900 hours equals 45 hours.
- What do districts do if a student's projected testing schedule exceeds 5% of the student's total school hours?
- The district must get written parental consent before administering the district-required assessments. Written consent is not required for the statewide assessments.

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What does this mean?

- Are there exceptions to the 5%?
- Yes, the 5% does not pertain to:
 - Student-elected common placement testing for public postsecondary education or student-elected accelerated testing (e.g., AP, IB, AICE, industry certifications).
 - Students requiring test accommodations as required by an IEP or as appropriate for an ELL.
- When does the 5% requirement begin?
- The requirement became effective upon becoming law (April 14, 2015).

What does this mean?

- When will a template of the new uniform assessment calendar be available?
- The Commissioner is required to publish the new uniform assessment calendar by August 1, 2016, in a format approved by the State Board.
- When are districts required to begin using the uniform assessment calendar?
- By October 1st each year, beginning in 2016, districts must publish their testing schedules, which must be approved by the school board, on their websites using the uniform calendar format and submit them to the department. The uniform assessment calendar must also be provided in each school's parent guide.

What does this mean?

- What must the uniform calendar include?
- It must provide the following information for the assessment and reporting schedules for the next two school years:
 - Whether the assessment is state or district required
 - The specific dates the assessment will be administered
 - The time allotted to administer each assessment
 - Whether the assessment is computer- or paper-based
 - The grade level or subject area assessed
 - The date results are expected for teachers and parents
 - The purpose, type, and use of the assessment
 - A glossary of assessment terminology
 - Estimates of average time for administering state-required and district-required assessments, by grade level

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What does this mean?

- Are there new requirements for reporting test results?
- For any new or renewed contracts, statewide assessments results must be provided to teachers and parents by the end of the school year.
- Student performance results on local assessments must be provided to teachers and parents within 30 days of the test administration.



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Section 1008.24, F.S. (Section 8 of HB 7069)

Permits use of employees such as paraprofessionals as assessment proctors and test administrators after they have successfully completed State Board-approved training requirements.

What does this mean?

- Are training requirements that must be successfully completed prior to the employees performing duties the same training as what is currently required or will there be a new training for paraprofessionals?
- The State Board will need to adopt the training requirements in rule. Public workshops will be convened this fall as part of the rulemaking process to determine what training requirements should be recommended to the State Board. It is anticipated that most of the training requirements will continue to be the same as they were this year.
- What should schools do prior to implementation of the rule?
- Until the rule is adopted, schools should follow the requirements stipulated in the *Test Administration Manuals*.



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Section 1008.25, F.S. (Section 9 of HB 7069)

Student progression and “support” as opposed to remediation; information on student achievement of standards must be provided to improve instruction; social studies added to student progression and progress monitoring; K-2 grades added to district annual report on number and percent of retained students; ESOL good cause exemption aligned to ESEA waiver.

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What does this mean?

- What must student progression from one grade to another be based upon?
- Student progression from one grade to another must be based upon the student mastery of the standards, specifically in English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies.
- **Are we still required to monitor students' reading proficiency?**
- The district student progression plan must include criteria that emphasize student reading proficiency in kindergarten through grade 3.
- Each student who does not achieve a Level 3 (satisfactory) or above on a statewide, standardized assessment must be evaluated to determine the nature of the student's difficulty, the areas of academic need, and strategies for providing academic support to improve the student's performance.

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What does this mean?

- What is the requirement for a student to be promoted to grade 4?
- Beginning in 2015-2016, grade 3 students must score a Level 2 or higher on the ELA statewide, standardized assessment for promotion to grade 4.
- Can districts require all students who score Level 4 or 5 to participate in a system of progress monitoring assessments?
- This is a local decision. A student who scores Level 4 or above in the specific subject area statewide assessment may be exempted from participation in a schoolwide system of progress monitoring by the principal.



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Section 1008.30, F.S. (Section 10 of HB 7069)

Deletes only the requirement for select high school students to take PERT, and based on performance on PERT, be enrolled in college success or readiness courses their senior year. Other text in this section of law remains, continuing to require the State Board to develop and implement a common placement test.

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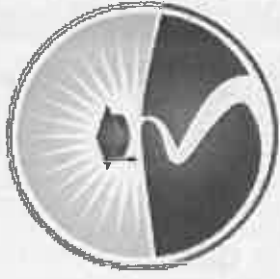
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What does this mean?

- Should PERT be administered for the 2014-15 school year?
- This is a local decision.
- Are all seniors who did not meet the college-ready requirement required to take the assessment?
- The former language required identified grade 11 students to take PERT. That is no longer in place. Grade 12 students have not been required to take the PERT.
- Do we still have to provide the College Readiness courses in reading and mathematics for seniors who have not met the college readiness requirement?
- This is a local decision. The year-long courses continue to count toward graduation core credit.

What does this mean?

- Will districts still have PERT available to assess students for dual enrollment and college readiness?
- Yes, for 2015-2016 PERT will continue to be available.
- Will PERT still be available as an option for an Algebra I comparative test score?
- Yes, the current PERT mathematics comparative score will still be an option for students who have not met the Algebra I EOC score requirement until a new comparative score is identified.



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Section 1008.34, F.S. (Section 11 of HB 7069)

DA schools that improve at least one letter grade in 2014-2015 are released from implementation of the turnaround option; Grade 3 students who score in the bottom quintile on the ELA FSA shall be identified as students at risk of retention; requires an independent verification of the psychometric validity of the FSA prior to use for school grades and educator evaluations.

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What does this mean?

- Will school grades be calculated for the 2014-2015 school year?
- The law requires that the independent verification of the psychometric validity of the statewide, standardized assessments first implemented in 2014-2015 be completed before 2014-2015 school grades may be calculated.
- Since the passage of Senate Bill 1642 during the 2014 Legislative Session, the planned release of baseline School Grades has been December 2015.
- The conclusion of the validity study by September 1st does not impact that timeline.

What does this mean?

- When will districts receive scores?
- FSA scores cannot be released until after the validity study is completed.
- The results of the study are due by September 1, 2015.
- The validity study only impacts statewide, standardized assessments first implemented in 2014-2015 (i.e., FSA and Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry FSA EOCs).
- FCAT 2.0 Science; Biology I, U.S. History, and Civics EOC; and all retake scores will be reported as scheduled.

What does this mean?

- How do we determine which grade 3 students should attend summer reading camp?
- In June, districts will receive a list of grade 3 students who scored in the bottom quintile statewide. These students are identified as at risk of retention. Districts must notify parents of such students, provide evidence of the student meeting a good cause exemption, and provide appropriate intervention and support.
- How will districts be able to make decisions for seniors that are based on assessment scores?
- Most graduating seniors will have the results they need for graduation purposes, since FCAT 2.0 Reading Retake and NGSSS Algebra I EOC results will be released on schedule. There may be some graduating seniors who took the FSA Algebra I EOC. Districts will receive a list of students who met the graduation requirement for FSA Grade 10 ELA and FSA Algebra I EOC through a score linked to 2013-14 performance.

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What does this mean?

- What happens if the test is determined to be psychometrically invalid?
- School Grades and VAM scores cannot be released using data from the FSA and FSA EOCs in Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry.
- Will the validation study delay the process of setting Achievement Levels for the FSA?
- Not at this time. The convening of standard-setting educator panels is scheduled for late summer, and the results of the study are due by September 1st.



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Section 1012.34, F.S. (Section 12 of HB 7069)

Personnel evaluation procedures and criteria

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Our Opportunity

- To reposition teacher evaluation as a part of a professional growth system for educators.
- To reclaim the powerful potential of VAM to support leaders in making data-driven decisions that support student learning and educator growth.

Personnel Evaluation – No Change

- Districts remain responsible for measuring student performance in all grades and subjects (s. 1008.22, F.S.).
- The performance of students component in each teacher's and principal's evaluation must be based on that teacher's or principal's students (s.1012.34, F.S.).

Personnel Evaluation – No Change

- For courses assessed by the state for which a state growth model has been selected (currently FSA and Algebra I), each district must base the performance of students component on the results of the state growth model.

Personnel Evaluation – Change

- Districts are no longer responsible for creating assessments of specific types in courses not measured by statewide standardized assessments (s. 1008.22, F.S.).
- Instructional evaluations (s. 1012.34, F.S.) require the following components:
 - At least 1/3 based on performance of students
 - At least 1/3 based on instructional practice
 - Allows for the inclusion of other indicators of performance.

Personnel Evaluation – Change

- Administrative evaluations (s. 1012.34, F.S.) require the following components:
 - At least 1/3 based on performance of students
 - At least 1/3 based on instructional leadership
 - Allows for the inclusion of other indicators of performance.
- Districts may determine the combination of data included in the performance of students component based on the teacher’s teaching assignment (s. 1012.34, F.S.).

Personnel Evaluation – Change

- For courses not assessed by the state and courses with statewide assessments without a state-adopted growth model, districts have the flexibility to use all, some, or none of the results of statewide assessments in the performance of students component (s. 1012.34, F.S.).
- Instructional personnel and administrative personnel who have been evaluated as less than effective must participate in professional development programs as part of the improvement prescription, as required by the district school board (s. 1012.98, F.S.).

Personnel Evaluation – Change

- Data from the 2014-15 Florida Standards Assessments may not be used in teacher and principal evaluations until the validity study described in HB 7069 is completed. The bill requires the study to be completed by September 1, 2015.
- The bill removes the requirement for the State Board to adopt student performance levels that result in an unsatisfactory evaluation rating and a highly effective rating.

Also Note

- Beginning in 2015-2016 the district must also use performance standards adopted into State Board Rule for these courses (s. 1012.34, F.S.).
- August 1, 2015, is the deadline for rule adoption in response to HB 7069 (s. 1012.34, F.S.).
- The Commissioner may select additional formulas to measure student performance for the remainder of the statewide, standardized assessments in s. 1008.22, F.S.

What does this mean?

- For instructional evaluations, could a teacher now receive the student learning growth portion of the evaluation calculated from the Reading and Mathematics scores of their students if the teacher does not instruct Reading and Mathematics courses?
- Yes, provided it is based on the students taught by the teacher. However, the department will not be producing a non-FCAT VAM type metric for the FSA, so the district would need to develop its own methodology for doing so.



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Section 1012.3401, F.S. (Section 13 of HB 7069)

Repeals the section titled, “Requirements for measuring student performance in instructional personnel and school administrator performance evaluations; performance evaluation of personnel for purposes of performance salary schedule.”

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Section 1012.98, F.S. (Section 14 of HB 7069)

Updates language to align with current terminology.

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Subject: PASS HB7069

I implore you to pass House Bill 7069. My children attended the City of Pembroke Pines Charter School from K-12. This is a top rated municipally run and operated Charter system that boasts 99% college acceptance rate and one who outperforms their counterparts by 50% and higher.

For almost 20 years they have provided students and families with a world class education, even providing for the needs of autistic students by opening a center for Autism. All this for a fraction of the cost and at a fraction given to county run schools.

The sad news is, even though they offer more services, at a better rate, out performing the traditional public schools, the system almost shut down three years ago for lack of funding! THIS IS AN OUTRAGE.

Schools such as these should be funded equitably, fairly, at the same rate as all traditional Public Schools get funded!

I pay taxes.... My money should follow my child.

HB 7069 Keeps the Playing Field equal. Our Charter system depends on it. DO NOT TURN YOUR BACK ON EQUAL FUNDING FOR CHARTERS.

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& DEBATE OUR STEMM ECONOMY IN NE FLORIDA
Date: Friday, March 27, 2015 4:32:14 PM

Kim, this is the forum I am holding in Jax that we discussed yesterday. It would be great if Gov. Scott would come to kick off the meeting. Please let me know if he can make it. Attached is a draft State of STEM report on NE Florida.

Did you know: Jobs in Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Medicine (STEM2) have grown at a rate three times faster than non-STEM2 jobs?

Did you know: By 2018 1 million computer science jobs will go unfilled by US workers?

Why attend the forum? Because you care about our region's economy and want to be part of the solution.

Who should attend? Business leaders, Civic leaders, Educators, Entrepreneurs, Job Creators, Parents, Politicians, Students, and all solution focused individuals.

We convene, inspire and invest in the STEM2 field by providing the essential missing elements to accelerate the growth of STEM2 education and careers

Monday, May 11, 2015

1-5 p.m.

Adam W. Herbert University Center

Register at: www.unf.edu/stemm<<http://www.unf.edu/stemm>>

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Dear Ms. McDougal,

My name is Amber Richardson and I am the Assistant Principal at Marco Island Academy, a public charter high school that performs in the top 2% in the nation. However, our school does not receive adequate funding for facilities or operations. HB 7069 can provide the additional assistance the school needs by providing a stable, equitable funding source for capital outlay.

Please help my school and our students by supporting HB 7069.

Best regards,
Amber Richardson
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Naples, FL 34112



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VISION

The vision of Marco Island Academy is to form an integral partnership among students, teachers, parents, and the community. Together, we will create a culture of high expectation, collaboration, and service that will prepare students to succeed in an increasingly complex global society.

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violation.” Therefore, beginning July 1, please ensure that all rules filed for adoption with the Department of State comply with this statutory requirement and include this certification.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Subject: Section 120.695, F.S., Certification Requirement

Agency Heads / General Counsels:

I would like to call your attention to section 120.695(2), Florida Statutes, as amended by Section 6, Chapter 2016-116, Laws of Florida, to provide for the following:

<!--[if !supportLists]-->(b) <!--[endif]-->Each agency shall review all of its rules and designate those for which a violation would be a minor violation and for which a notice of noncompliance must be the first enforcement action taken against a person or business subject to regulation. A violation of a rule is a minor violation if it does not result in economic or physical harm to a person or adversely affect public health, safety, or welfare or create a significant threat of such harm.

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[Emphasis added.]

I would also point out that sub-subparagraphs 120.695(2)(c)2. and 3., Florida Statutes, further provide:

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3. For each rule filed for adoption, the agency head shall certify whether any part of the rule is designated as a rule the violation of which would be a minor violation and shall update the listing required by sub-subparagraph 2.a. [Emphasis added.]

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Kenneth J. Plante

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To: [Spicola, Ashley](#)
Subject: Fwd: Statewide Info on TFA
Date: Saturday, August 15, 2015 9:43:38 AM
Attachments: [TFA Talk Points Statewide Investment.docx](#)
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Date: August 14, 2015 at 10:39:13 PM EDT
To: Pam Stewart <pam.stewart@fldoe.org>
Cc: Kim McDougal <kim.mcdougal@cog.myflorida.com>
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Cc: kim.mcdougal@eog.myflorida.com
Subject: Support HB 7069

Dear Ms. McDougal

My name is Jodi Fields and my child attends Marco Island Academy, a public charter high school that performs in the top 2% in the nation. However, our school does not receive adequate funding for facilities or operations. HB 7069 can provide the additional assistance the school needs by providing a stable, equitable funding source for capital outlay.

Please help our students by supporting HB 7069.

Best regards,

Name Jodi Fields

Address 1520 Collingswood Ave Marco Island Fl 34145

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Date: Monday, December 12, 2016 10:26:19 PM

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Date: December 12, 2016 at 8:35:15 PM EST
To: "kim.mcdougal@eog.myflorida.com" <kim.mcdougal@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: Ted talk on STEM

FYI hope all is well

Gary Chartrand:
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**Excellence is never an accident. It is always the result of high intention,
sincere effort, and intelligent execution;
it represents the wise choice of many alternatives - choice, not chance,
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— Aristotle

From: [Piepenbrink, Brad](#)
To: [Reilly, Kevin](#); [Tupps, John](#)
Subject: Fwd: Text messages reveal behind-the-scenes battle over charter school bill
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From: Jaclyn Neuman <jneuman@politico.com>
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To: Piepenbrink, Brad
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Hi Brad,

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I hate to be playing professional pest, but the reason I've been so persistent is because my director wants to make sure she prioritizes speaking with Governor Rick Scott's office to set you, Jackie, Megan and others up with complimentary access to POLITICO Pro FL.

Let me know if you have availability at any of the following times, if not I'd be happy to work another time out with you:

- Thursday 8/3 – 11:30AM, 12PM, 1PM
- Monday 8/7—11:30AM
- Tuesday 8/8—12PM

Best,
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Subject: Text messages reveal behind-the-scenes battle over charter school bill

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By Jessica Bakeman

"Ok," Galvano, the Bradenton Republican, replied.

Shortly before 5 p.m., Negron and Corcoran offered the bills to each other during a public budget conference meeting. The measures — each nearly 300 pages — were posted online a few hours later, much to the dismay of legislators who publicly criticized the process as opaque.

The presiding officers had agreed to extend through Monday, allowing for one additional session day to pass all the budget bills, including the education measures, which were tied to the spending plan.

Legislators and lobbyists had the weekend to comb through the all-or-nothing legislation, considering whether to accept the parts they didn't like so they could get what they ultimately wanted. As for H.B. 7069, was it worth shifting millions in local funding to charters so they could get mandatory recess in elementary schools? Was boosting vouchers for disabled children important enough to embrace an oft-ridiculed merit pay program based on educators' SAT scores?

The senators were facing pressure from all sides.

Latvala gets it wrong

That Friday evening, a teachers' union lobbyist texted Senate appropriations committee chair Jack Latvala to alert him to a problematic provision in H.B. 7069 that banned school districts from offering automatic annual contract renewals to highly effective teachers. Another bill containing the anti-tenure prohibition had been defeated in the Senate rules committee in late April, with the help of Latvala, a Clearwater Republican mulling a run for governor.

Because the language had died in committee previously, it shouldn't have been included in another bill later in the process. Yet there it was, in the measure stitched together by Corcoran, who is openly hostile to labor and had called the FEA "evil" in his first speech in the leadership post.

"I'm sure you know this but Richard just put the Annual Contract issue in the conforming bill," Jeff Wright, a lobbyist for the Florida Education Association, wrote Latvala at 4:42 p.m., hours before the full bill was public.

"I'm fairly sure that all will get vetoed," Latvala wrote, inaccurately as it turned out. "Negron and I have had parting of the ways."

Wright responded: "We have our veto work ready to go."

'Blindsided' over 'preeminence'

The Senate spent Saturday and Sunday grappling with the contentious aspects of both bills: Negron's higher education proposal, which the upper chamber's leaders had to defend, and Corcoran's K-12 plan, which they had to convince their colleagues to swallow.

Senate leaders found themselves mounting a defense against an unexpected controversy over S.B. 374. Earlier iterations of Negron's higher education bills would have resulted in a windfall for the University of South Florida in the form of so-called "preeminence" funding. The final version reversed the change, igniting a firestorm of criticism for Tampa Bay

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TALLAHASSEE — A new education law that has inspired lawsuits from school districts and derision from teachers' unions nearly fell victim to an intra-party feud in the Republican-led state Senate, as detailed in a series of text messages exchanged by legislators and their staff during the hectic final days of the 2017 legislative session.

The Senate's top brass weathered resistance from powerful members within their own party as they propelled the controversial House bill through the traditionally moderate upper chamber, according to the communications obtained by POLITICO Florida through public records requests.

A key Republican senator attempted to rewrite [FL HB7069 \(17R\)](#) at the last minute, but the chamber's GOP leadership overrode his concerns and prepared to sideline him, the texts show. Another powerful senator incorrectly predicted to a teachers' union lobbyist that Gov. Rick Scott would veto the bill, a view shared even by the chief executive's appointed leaders in the state Department of Education.

The exchanges provide a rare unfiltered glimpse into leaders' behind-the-scenes strategizing during this spring's extended and special legislative sessions, and after, as they awaited the looming threat of Scott's veto pen and digested his stunning decision to approve the House bill while rejecting the Senate's higher education priority, [FL SB374 \(17R\)](#).

As so often happens in the final days of the lawmaking session, the two education bills were linked. If the House bill failed, so would the Senate bill. And the fate of the House bill — which chiefly benefited privately operated charter schools — was uncertain in the Senate. The controversy over both proposals, in part, led lawmakers to go overtime and finish session three days late, on May 8.

Politician privately protests

It was just one day before the scheduled May 5 end of the legislative session when state Sen. David Simmons, chair of the chamber's K-12 budget committee, saw a near-finished version of the mammoth H.B. 7069. The bill's more than 200 pages blended dozens of policy proposals with budget issues, stoking Simmons' worries that it could be challenged as unconstitutional. (His fears have since been realized.)

Behind closed doors, Simmons immediately began voicing concerns and pushing for changes. On the afternoon of the last planned day, the staff director for Simmons' education committee sounded the alarm to Senate leaders that the lawmaker was making noise.

"Is it possible for you to talk to Senator Simmons. He wants me to rewrite the house ed bill," Tim Elwell, the prominent staff member, texted state Sen. Bill Galvano at 2:14 p.m. Chair of the higher education budget committee and a future leader of the chamber, Galvano was in charge of making sure Senate President Joe Negron's higher education priority was enacted. That meant passing Republican House Speaker Richard Corcoran's education bill in the Senate.

Four minutes later, Elwell changed his mind. He texted again: "Don't worry about it. I will handle it."

lawmakers in particular. The delegation includes Galvano and Latvala.

On Saturday, May 6, Galvano texted Elwell asking for a summary of the USF projects funded in the budget. At 6:30 p.m., after several exchanges, the senator exclaimed: "You're probably sick of me!"

"Oh no, believe me, you're not the only one asking questions this weekend," Elwell quickly responded.

The following morning, after Elwell told Galvano that USF was not "preeminent" under current law, Galvano signaled that the Senate would not push the issue forward and give the university an edge.

"So the goal post wasn't moved. If we keep current law then they are not preeminent," Galvano asked rhetorically.

"Correct," Elwell confirmed.

Latvala's office also got an earful about USF, with his chief of staff telling him the office fielded "approx dozen calls" and that the local paper "& social media [were] abuzz over USF & pre-eminence changes.

"Blindsided," Rich Reidy, the staffer, wrote.

Keeping secrets from Simmons

Meanwhile, over the weekend, Simmons digested the final version of H.B. 7069, which included some but not all of the changes he had asked Corcoran for, he said.

State Sen. Bill Montford, a Tallahassee Democrat and former Leon County schools leader who heads the Florida Association of District School Superintendents, informed Simmons the chamber's 15 Democrats would oppose the House bill as a bloc. He texted on Saturday afternoon: "The D'S are taking a caucus position." The next day, Montford forwarded several newspaper editorials and letters to the editor demonstrating opposition to the bill.

As the pressure built over H.B. 7069, Senate leaders considered whether they could trust Simmons to present it on the floor, or even the education portion of the budget. They were planning to bench him — apparently without his knowledge.

Negron quietly directed Galvano to prepare to take over.

At 9 p.m. on Sunday, Negron's senior policy adviser on education, Theresa Klebacha, known as "TK" to her colleagues, sent a text to Elwell: "the president asked Sen Galvano to be ready to present preK12 budget and 7069 as back up , just in case. ... I'm just making sure you got the message so you're prepared. Should be an interesting day...."

Klebacha wanted the move kept secret.

"Don't mention anything to Simmons or staff," she added to Elwell seconds later.

Simmons told POLITICO Florida he wasn't offended staff members were working around him, acknowledging they report to the president. He praised the Senate's staff. Further, a

spokeswoman for Negron defended the staff members' back-and-forth as "typical" preparation for legislative proceedings.

Ultimately, Simmons offered H.B. 7069 to his colleagues on May 8, the final day of the extended session.

In addressing the full Senate, it was clear Simmons believed the bill was deeply flawed — he said later he gave a "factual presentation" — and so it was somewhat unsurprising when he was one of the few members of his party who voted against it. Latvala, too, expressed his regret that the bloated bill had come to the floor on the last day. Since the bill was linked to the budget, lawmakers had no choice but to approve it as is or blow up the deal. He voted in favor.

Across the hall, Corcoran had postponed consideration of S.B. 374 until his signature bill passed the upper chamber. It did, by just one vote, with some senators like Latvala believing it would be vetoed.

They weren't alone. Scott's appointed education commissioner and her staff also believed the bill would die on the governor's desk.

After the Senate floor vote, the Department of Education's lobbyist, Tanya Cooper, texted her colleagues: "The senate vote was 20 yeas to 18 nays on 7069."

"Oh my!" education commissioner Pam Stewart responded.

Demonstrating the department had hoped the bill would fail, Cooper added: "We almost had it!!"

Stewart noted that both Simmons and Montford opposed it.

"Veto override might be tough," the commissioner wrote, adding: "This was a cuhrazy session."

When providing the text messages to POLITICO Florida, a department spokeswoman offered a statement from Stewart asserting her "unequivocal" support of Scott's later decision to sign the bill.

Pre-veto chatter

Before and after session's end, senators and staff discussed contingency plans for scenarios in which Scott vetoed budget bills. Most of the political establishment buzzed about whether Scott would exact revenge on Corcoran for the speaker's incessant criticisms throughout session by axing the House bill.

Traditional public school advocates — including superintendents, school boards, administrators, teachers and parents — gave Scott potential cover, begging him to veto H.B. 7069 and the education budget in hopes he would force lawmakers to provide more money. Democratic campaigns piled on.

And even some conservative local education leaders were appalled. Henry Kelley, a former tea party activist who campaigned for Scott and now works for Okaloosa County schools, slammed the House bill in messages to Latvala. He appeared confident the governor would

veto the measure, which he called "a ridiculous private company giveaway."

"Any chance we can get the governor to come to Okaloosa to veto this bill? We can put on a real show and he can stick it to Corcoran," Kelley texted Latvala on May 10.

Kelley argued the senator should campaign on the bill's demise, if vetoed. Latvala and Corcoran might face each other in a Republican primary if both run for governor in 2018.

Referring to Scott, Kelley wrote: "I held a rally for him in 2009 before he even announced he was running. His staff has never impressed me with their political savviness, but this is a real chance to bolster you guys. I think there's even a way, based on what you said on the floor on Monday, for you to benefit from this veto in a public way as well."

Latvala seemed less sure about Scott's plans by then.

The senator responded two days later, on May 12. "I will be with the Gov for two days mon. Tues. should get an idea what he is thinking."

Initially withheld by the House, the budget finally hit Scott's desk on May 31. Two days later, the governor appeared with Corcoran and Negron during a morning press conference in Miami. He announced then he would force lawmakers into a special session to redo school aid and increase funding for economic development and tourism. Scott wouldn't commit to signing the education bills, but he implied he would if the lawmakers did what he asked.

Final assault

Heading into the chaotic three-day June gathering, Simmons continued his crusade against H.B. 7069, soliciting the help of his Democratic colleagues in strategizing how to weaken the measure.

"Please call me. Have an idea to amend HB 7069," he wrote to Montford at 7:39 a.m. on June 3. He again asked the Democrat to call him on June 4.

The next morning, state Sen. Gary Farmer, a freshman Fort Lauderdale Democrat and outspoken opponent of many "school choice" proposals, wrote to Simmons: "Good morning David, a little Birdy told me you might be working on some sort of legislative move for the special session that would mollify 7069. Can I help?"

"Yes," Simmons responded. From the messages that follow, it appears they spoke by phone, after which Farmer asked Simmons to e-mail the proposed amendments to him.

On June 6, Simmons alerted Farmer he was tweaking his strategy slightly to combat criticisms that his proposals were unrelated to the "call" of the special session — Scott's reasoning for asking lawmakers to return.

"Please call me. Have slight change of plans since I think we have found a way to fit within the 'Call,'" Simmons wrote.

The senator's plan was to defund H.B. 7069, redirecting some of the money earmarked for charter schools to struggling traditional public schools instead. He argued charter schools couldn't open quickly enough to spend all the money this year.

It didn't work. The Legislature voted to increase public school funding, but they used one-time money freed up from Scott's line-item vetoes rather than raiding Corcoran's charter school fund.

Also during the special session, senators employed the risky strategy of attempting to override Scott's budget vetoes. It angered the governor, his allies said. Although it seemed unlikely, Scott and lawmakers forged a budget deal behind closed doors, ending the special session on time.

Afterwards, Scott embarked on a victory tour with Corcoran, a surprising turnabout following the leaders' prior feud. The snub to the Senate president foreshadowed a bigger one still to come.

Dashed hopes

Staff at the State University System wondered whether they were in the clear, since the schools' big increases got Scott's signature.

Brittany Davis, communications director for the system's board of governors and its chancellor, Marshall Criser, asked Scott's chief spokeswoman Jackie Schutz: Without approval for S.B. 374, was it too soon to rejoice?

"Hi, Jackie. This is Brittany at the BOG. Chancellor Criser wanted me to double-check with you that you don't mind us sending out our press release celebrating session," Davis wrote on June 9.

"One item it would include is the research funding that was approved in the budget. The policy component is a part of SB 374, which hasn't been signed yet. So, basically, the money is already there, but the bill hasn't technically been signed," she continued. "He was under the impression you were okay with moving ahead, but we just wanted to make sure."

Schutz did not respond by text message. The governor's staff has said it's their policy not to text about state business.

But it wasn't as safe as it seemed.

A few days later, Scott vetoes Negron's bill.

He then signed Corcoran's.

Senate staff lamented.

On June 15, Klebacha wrote to her colleague, legislative analyst Lily Tysinger: "Confirmed: 374 vetoed last night and 7069 just signed. sigh....."

Tysinger replied: "Yup."

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<https://www.politicopro.com/states/florida/story/2017/07/31/controversial-charter-school-bill-faced-treacherous-road-in-senate-text-messages-show-113708>



Yes, very



Somewhat



Neutral



Not really



Not at all

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Text messages reveal behind-the-scenes battle over charter school bill

By Jessica Bakeman

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TALLAHASSEE — A new education law that has inspired lawsuits from school districts and derision from teachers' unions nearly fell victim to an intra-party feud in the Republican-led state Senate, as detailed in a series of text messages exchanged by legislators and their staff during the hectic final days of the 2017 legislative session.

The Senate's top brass weathered resistance from powerful members within their own party as they propelled the controversial House bill through the traditionally moderate upper chamber, according to the communications obtained by POLITICO Florida through public records requests.

A key Republican senator attempted to rewrite [FL HB7069 \(17R\)](#) at the last minute, but the chamber's GOP leadership overrode his concerns and prepared to sideline him, the texts show. Another powerful senator incorrectly predicted to a teachers' union lobbyist that Gov. Rick Scott would veto the bill, a view shared even by the chief executive's appointed leaders in the state Department of Education.

The exchanges provide a rare unfiltered glimpse into leaders' behind-the-scenes strategizing during this spring's extended and special legislative sessions, and after, as they awaited the looming threat of Scott's veto pen and digested his stunning decision to approve the House bill while rejecting the Senate's higher education priority, [FL SB374 \(17R\)](#).

As so often happens in the final days of the lawmaking session, the two education bills were linked. If the House bill failed, so would the Senate bill. And the fate of the House bill — which chiefly benefited privately operated charter schools — was uncertain in the Senate. The controversy over both proposals, in part, led lawmakers to go overtime and finish session three days late, on May 8.

Politician privately protests

It was just one day before the scheduled May 5 end of the legislative session when state Sen. David Simmons, chair of the chamber's K-12 budget committee, saw a near-finished version of the mammoth H.B. 7069. The bill's more than 200 pages blended dozens of policy proposals with budget issues, stoking Simmons' worries that it could be challenged as unconstitutional. (His fears have [since been realized](#).)

Behind closed doors, Simmons immediately began voicing concerns and pushing for changes. On the afternoon of the last planned day, the staff director for Simmons' education committee sounded the alarm to Senate leaders that the lawmaker was making noise.

"Is it possible for you to talk to Senator Simmons. He wants me to rewrite the house ed bill," Tim Elwell, the prominent staff member, [texted](#) state Sen. Bill Galvano at 2:14 p.m. Chair of the higher education budget committee and a future leader of the chamber, Galvano was in charge of making sure Senate President Joe Negron's higher education priority was enacted. That meant passing Republican House Speaker Richard Corcoran's education bill in the Senate.

Four minutes later, Elwell changed his mind. He [texted](#) again: "Don't worry about it. I will handle it."

"Ok," Galvano, the Bradenton Republican, replied.

Shortly before 5 p.m., Negron and Corcoran offered the bills to each other during a public budget conference meeting. The measures — each nearly 300 pages — were posted online a few hours later, much to the dismay of legislators who publicly criticized the process as opaque.

The presiding officers had agreed to extend through Monday, allowing for one additional session day to pass all the budget bills, including the education measures, which were tied to the spending plan.

Legislators and lobbyists had the weekend to comb through the all-or-nothing legislation, considering whether to accept the parts they didn't like so they could get what they ultimately wanted. As for H.B. 7069, was it worth shifting millions in local funding to charters so they could get mandatory recess in elementary schools? Was boosting vouchers for disabled children important enough to embrace an oft-ridiculed merit pay program based on educators' SAT scores?

The senators were facing pressure from all sides.

Latvala gets it wrong

That Friday evening, a teachers' union lobbyist texted Senate appropriations committee chair Jack Latvala to alert him to a problematic provision in H.B. 7069 that banned school districts from offering automatic annual contract renewals to highly effective teachers. Another bill containing the anti-tenure prohibition had been defeated in the Senate rules committee in late April, with the help of Latvala, a Clearwater Republican mulling a run for governor.

Because the language had died in committee previously, it shouldn't have been included in another bill later in the process. Yet there it was, in the measure stitched together by Corcoran, who is openly hostile to labor and had called the FEA "evil" in his first speech in the leadership post.

"I'm sure you know this but Richard just put the Annual Contract issue in the conforming bill," Jeff Wright, a lobbyist for the Florida Education Association, wrote Latvala at 4:42 p.m., hours before the full bill was public.

"I'm fairly sure that all will get vetoed," Latvala wrote, inaccurately as it turned out. "Negron and I have had parting of the ways."

Wright responded: "We have our veto work ready to go."

'Blindsided' over 'preeminence'

The Senate spent Saturday and Sunday grappling with the contentious aspects of both bills: Negron's higher education proposal, which the upper chamber's leaders had to defend, and Corcoran's K-12 plan, which they had to convince their colleagues to swallow.

Senate leaders found themselves mounting a defense against an unexpected controversy over S.B. 374. Earlier iterations of Negron's higher education bills would have resulted in a windfall for the University of South Florida in the form of so-called "preeminence" funding. The final version reversed the change, igniting a firestorm of criticism for Tampa Bay

lawmakers in particular. The delegation includes Galvano and Latvala.

On Saturday, May 6, Galvano texted Elwell asking for a summary of the USF projects funded in the budget. At 6:30 p.m., after several exchanges, the senator exclaimed: "You're probably sick of me!"

"Oh no, believe me, you're not the only one asking questions this weekend," Elwell quickly responded.

The following morning, after Elwell told Galvano that USF was not "preeminent" under current law, Galvano signaled that the Senate would not push the issue forward and give the university an edge.

"So the goal post wasn't moved. If we keep current law then they are not preeminent," Galvano asked rhetorically.

"Correct," Elwell confirmed.

Latvala's office also got an earful about USF, with his chief of staff telling him the office fielded "approx dozen calls" and that the local paper "& social media [were] abuzz over USF & pre-eminence changes.

"Blindsided," Rich Reidy, the staffer, wrote.

Keeping secrets from Simmons

Meanwhile, over the weekend, Simmons digested the final version of H.B. 7069, which included some but not all of the changes he had asked Corcoran for, he said.

State Sen. Bill Montford, a Tallahassee Democrat and former Leon County schools leader who heads the Florida Association of District School Superintendents, informed Simmons the chamber's 15 Democrats would oppose the House bill as a bloc. He texted on Saturday afternoon: "The D'S are taking a caucus position." The next day, Montford forwarded several newspaper editorials and letters to the editor demonstrating opposition to the bill.

As the pressure built over H.B. 7069, Senate leaders considered whether they could trust Simmons to present it on the floor, or even the education portion of the budget. They were planning to bench him — apparently without his knowledge.

Negron quietly directed Galvano to prepare to take over.

At 9 p.m. on Sunday, Negron's senior policy adviser on education, Theresa Klebacha, known as "TK" to her colleagues, sent a text to Elwell: "the president asked Sen Galvano to be ready to present preK12 budget and 7069 as back up , just in case. ... I'm just making sure you got the message so you're prepared. Should be an interesting day...."

Klebacha wanted the move kept secret.

"Don't mention anything to Simmons or staff," she added to Elwell seconds later.

Simmons told POLITICO Florida he wasn't offended staff members were working around him, acknowledging they report to the president. He praised the Senate's staff. Further, a

spokeswoman for Negron defended the staff members' back-and-forth as "typical" preparation for legislative proceedings.

Ultimately, Simmons offered H.B. 7069 to his colleagues on May 8, the final day of the extended session.

In addressing the full Senate, it was clear Simmons believed the bill was deeply flawed — he said later he gave a "factual presentation" — and so it was somewhat unsurprising when he was one of the few members of his party who voted against it. Latvala, too, expressed his regret that the bloated bill had come to the floor on the last day. Since the bill was linked to the budget, lawmakers had no choice but to approve it as is or blow up the deal. He voted in favor.

Across the hall, Corcoran had postponed consideration of S.B. 374 until his signature bill passed the upper chamber. It did, by just one vote, with some senators like Latvala believing it would be vetoed.

They weren't alone. Scott's appointed education commissioner and her staff also believed the bill would die on the governor's desk.

After the Senate floor vote, the Department of Education's lobbyist, Tanya Cooper, texted her colleagues: "The senate vote was 20 yeas to 18 nays on 7069."

"Oh my!" education commissioner Pam Stewart responded.

Demonstrating the department had hoped the bill would fail, Cooper added: "We almost had it!!"

Stewart noted that both Simmons and Montford opposed it.

"Veto override might be tough," the commissioner wrote, adding: "This was a cuhrazy session."

When providing the text messages to POLITICO Florida, a department spokeswoman offered a statement from Stewart asserting her "unequivocal" support of Scott's later decision to sign the bill.

Pre-veto chatter

Before and after session's end, senators and staff discussed contingency plans for scenarios in which Scott vetoed budget bills. Most of the political establishment buzzed about whether Scott would exact revenge on Corcoran for the speaker's incessant criticisms throughout session by axing the House bill.

Traditional public school advocates — including superintendents, school boards, administrators, teachers and parents — gave Scott potential cover, begging him to veto H.B. 7069 and the education budget in hopes he would force lawmakers to provide more money. Democratic campaigns piled on.

And even some conservative local education leaders were appalled. Henry Kelley, a former tea party activist who campaigned for Scott and now works for Okaloosa County schools, slammed the House bill in messages to Latvala. He appeared confident the governor would

veto the measure, which he called "a ridiculous private company giveaway."

"Any chance we can get the governor to come to Okaloosa to veto this bill? We can put on a real show and he can stick it to Corcoran," Kelley texted Latvala on May 10.

Kelley argued the senator should campaign on the bill's demise, if vetoed. Latvala and Corcoran might face each other in a Republican primary if both run for governor in 2018.

Referring to Scott, Kelley wrote: "I held a rally for him in 2009 before he even announced he was running. His staff has never impressed me with their political savviness, but this is a real chance to bolster you guys. I think there's even a way, based on what you said on the floor on Monday, for you to benefit from this veto in a public way as well."

Latvala seemed less sure about Scott's plans by then.

The senator responded two days later, on May 12. "I will be with the Gov for two days mon. Tues. should get an idea what he is thinking."

Initially withheld by the House, the budget finally hit Scott's desk on May 31. Two days later, the governor appeared with Corcoran and Negron during a morning press conference in Miami. He announced then he would force lawmakers into a special session to redo school aid and increase funding for economic development and tourism. Scott wouldn't commit to signing the education bills, but he implied he would if the lawmakers did what he asked.

Final assault

Heading into the chaotic three-day June gathering, Simmons continued his crusade against H.B. 7069, soliciting the help of his Democratic colleagues in strategizing how to weaken the measure.

"Please call me. Have an idea to amend HB 7069," he wrote to Montford at 7:39 a.m. on June 3. He again asked the Democrat to call him on June 4.

The next morning, state Sen. Gary Farmer, a freshman Fort Lauderdale Democrat and outspoken opponent of many "school choice" proposals, wrote to Simmons: "Good morning David, a little Birdy told me you might be working on some sort of legislative move for the special session that would mollify 7069. Can I help?"

"Yes," Simmons responded. From the messages that follow, it appears they spoke by phone, after which Farmer asked Simmons to e-mail the proposed amendments to him.

On June 6, Simmons alerted Farmer he was tweaking his strategy slightly to combat criticisms that his proposals were unrelated to the "call" of the special session — Scott's reasoning for asking lawmakers to return.

"Please call me. Have slight change of plans since I think we have found a way to fit within the 'Call,'" Simmons wrote.

The senator's plan was to defund H.B. 7069, redirecting some of the money earmarked for charter schools to struggling traditional public schools instead. He argued charter schools couldn't open quickly enough to spend all the money this year.

It didn't work. The Legislature voted to increase public school funding, but they used one-time money freed up from Scott's line-item vetoes rather than raiding Corcoran's charter school fund.

Also during the special session, senators employed the risky strategy of attempting to override Scott's budget vetoes. It angered the governor, his allies said. Although it seemed unlikely, Scott and lawmakers forged a budget deal behind closed doors, ending the special session on time.

Afterwards, Scott embarked on a victory tour with Corcoran, a surprising turnabout following the leaders' prior feud. The snub to the Senate president foreshadowed a bigger one still to come.

Dashed hopes

Staff at the State University System wondered whether they were in the clear, since the schools' big increases got Scott's signature.

Brittany Davis, communications director for the system's board of governors and its chancellor, Marshall Criser, asked Scott's chief spokeswoman Jackie Schutz: Without approval for S.B. 374, was it too soon to rejoice?

"Hi, Jackie. This is Brittany at the BOG. Chancellor Criser wanted me to double-check with you that you don't mind us sending out our press release celebrating session," Davis wrote on June 9.

"One item it would include is the research funding that was approved in the budget. The policy component is a part of SB 374, which hasn't been signed yet. So, basically, the money is already there, but the bill hasn't technically been signed," she continued. "He was under the impression you were okay with moving ahead, but we just wanted to make sure."

Schutz did not respond by text message. The governor's staff has said it's their policy not to text about state business.

But it wasn't as safe as it seemed.

A few days later, Scott vetoes Negrón's bill.

He then signed Corcoran's.

Senate staff lamented.

On June 15, Klebacha wrote to her colleague, legislative analyst Lily Tysinger: "Confirmed: 374 vetoed last night and 7069 just signed. sigh....."

Tysinger replied: "Yup."

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<https://www.politicopro.com/states/florida/story/2017/07/31/controversial-charter-school-bill-faced-treacherous-road-in-senate-text-messages-show-113708>



Yes, very



Somewhat



Neutral



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Not at all

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TALLAHASSEE — Despite calling lawmakers back for a special session to increase school aid, Gov. Rick Scott got an earful this weekend during private calls with several superintendents who still want him to veto H.B. 7069, a controversial K-12 education bill that boosts charter schools, POLITICO has learned.

Scott had tried to drum up support for his special session budget deal through the conversations with school district superintendents, who are among Florida's most powerful public school advocates. He talked with leaders of the state's two largest districts, Miami-Dade County and Broward County, on Friday, and also placed called to leaders of at least seven other districts.

In separate calls, Alberto Carvalho in Miami-Dade and Robert Runcie in Broward thanked the Republican governor for vetoing lawmakers' proposed school funding levels, which would have resulted in a per-pupil increase of only \$24. Scott has asked the Legislature to come back to Tallahassee this week to redo the Florida Education Finance Program; he's asking for about \$215 million more, which would mean a bump of \$100 per student.

But Carvalho reiterated his concerns about H.B. 7069, specifically a provision that would allow charter schools managed by for-profit firms to share in facilities funding generated by local property taxes, according to a

district spokeswoman. Carvalho also said he opposes the bill's proposed changes to how federal Title I funding is doled out, which would result in more money going directly to charters. The plan would "undermine our efforts with high poverty schools," the district's chief communications officer, Daisy Gonzalez-Diego, said in an email.

Runcie, who himself initiated the call with Scott, delivered essentially the same message, according to a spokesman from that district.

Scott also spoke with Pinellas County superintendent Michael Grego; a spokeswoman for that district said they discussed the budget but not the conforming bill. Also, the governor left a voicemail for Pasco County's Kurt Browning about his intention to increase public school aid but apparently hasn't connected with him yet, a district spokesman said.

Scott reached out to leaders of rural districts, as well. According to a lobbyist who represents small counties, the superintendents of districts in Citrus, Lafayette, Sumter and Wakulla counties heard from the governor on Sunday. Similar to their colleagues, they told Scott they appreciated the increase but still could not support HB 7069.

The governor also called Escambia County's Malcolm Thomas, according to the Florida Association of District School Superintendents, of which Thomas is president. The district leader didn't immediately return a call for more details on Monday afternoon.

But the association — led by state Sen. Bill Montford, a Tallahassee Democrat — released a statement on Friday expressing gratitude for the increase but continued opposition to H.B. 7069.

"While Florida superintendents appreciate Gov. Scott vetoing the FEFP and his call for a special session to address the budgetary concerns regarding K-12 education funding, we respectfully reiterate our call for a veto of H.B. 7069 due to the long-term negative repercussions and the impending irreparable harm to public education," the group said in the statement.

Scott said Friday he was still reviewing the bill, a priority of Republican House Speaker Richard Corcoran. But some lawmakers have said he has pledged to approve it as part of a larger deal that includes more money for K-12 and his economic development priorities.

The calls were not included on Scott's public schedules on Friday or over the weekend.

Asked on Monday for more information about the calls, Scott's office did not return a request for comment. However, on Tuesday, a spokeswoman issued POLITICO Florida the following statement: "The Governor often communicates with local education leaders regarding their common focus of ensuring a world-class education for Florida's students."

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To: Spicola, Ashley
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May 15, 2017

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Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2015 3:53:48 PM

Follow up, ya'll.

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Thanks John,

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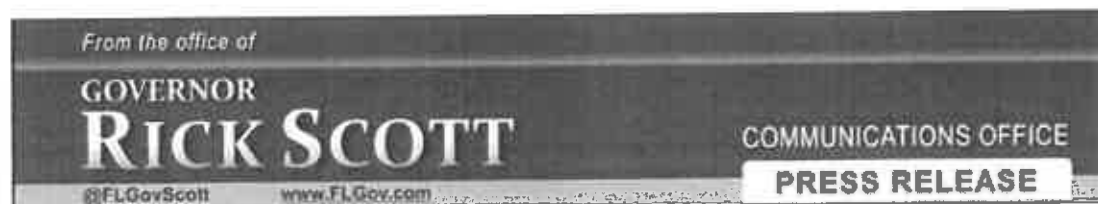
- Given the passage of House Bill 7069 (which calls for a verification of the FSA test before school grades and scores are released) and the 2011 bill you signed that bases teacher pay on student performance, how will the state enforce school districts to have a teacher-based pay system for the 2015-16 school year?

On Tue, Apr 14, 2015 at 12:23 PM, Tupps, John <John.Tupps@eog.myflorida.com> wrote:

Anthony,

Please see below. Thanks,

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Gov. Scott Signs Legislation to Reduce Tests

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Today, Governor Rick Scott signed House Bill 7069, which reduces the amount of tests Florida students take.

Governor Scott said, "This legislation reduces the number of tests our students take, including the 11th grade English Language Arts test that we eliminated this year through an Executive Order in February. I agree with many teachers and parents who say we have too many tests, and while this legislation is a great step forward, we will keep working to make sure Florida students are not over tested.

"This legislation also improves our teacher evaluation system, which will ensure we have the best teachers in our classrooms. I want to thank Senator Legg and Representative O'Toole for championing this legislation and I applaud the Florida Legislature for quickly putting it into law to better serve our students."

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To: Spicola, Ashley; Hebda, Kathy
Subject: Fwd: testing concerns from Seminole County
Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2015 6:24:19 PM

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From: "Allison Liby-Schoonover" <allison.libyschoonover@metzlaw.com>
Date: April 21, 2015 at 5:57:35 PM EDT
To: "McDougal, Kim" <kim.mcdougal@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: testing concerns from Seminole County

Kim,

I hope this email finds you well. It is my understanding that my client, Amy Lockhart, Vice Chair of the Seminole County School Board spoke with you earlier today. As a follow up I wanted to send you a copy of her editorial for your reference.
<http://www.orlandosentinel.com/opinion/os-ed-school-assessments-myword-040515-20150406-story.html>

The School Board of Seminole County is grateful for last fall's executive order and extremely grateful for the Governor's quick action in signing HB 7069.

Thank you,
Alli Liby

Allison Liby-Schoonover
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From: Schenone, Lauren
To: Schutz, Jackie
Cc: Lewis, McKinley
Subject: Gaggle KPMG
Date: Monday, May 22, 2017 11:29:36 AM

Jackie, I called your phone but it sounded like it is off.

Walked McK through the gaggle. Questions on VF, budget and 7069. Nothing new

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From: Florida Association of School Administrators
To: McDougal, Kim
Subject: Gov. Scott Announces Special Session, Plans to Veto FEFP
Date: Friday, June 2, 2017 12:03:39 PM

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June 2, 2017

In a press conference with House Speaker Richard Corcoran and Senate President Joe Negrón, Gov. Rick Scott announced his veto of the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) portion of the budget. As a result, a special legislative session is being held June 7-9. During the press conference, Gov. Scott also recommended an increase in K-12 funding by \$100 per pupil.

The governor says he is "still reviewing" HB 7069, which is also of special interest. Scott says whatever he decides will be "good for all students."

Stay tuned to the Advocate and follow FASA at @SchoolLeadersFL on social media for more updates regarding the Florida Legislature's Special Session.



Florida Association of School Administrators, 206B S. Monroe St., Tallahassee, FL 32301

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From: Benjamin Andersen
To: McDougal, Kim
Subject: Gov. Scott must veto HB 7069
Date: Monday, June 5, 2017 12:59:46 PM

Good afternoon,

My name is Benjamin Andersen. I'm a teacher in Lee County Public Schools. Governor Scott must veto HB 7069.

I've taught for several years in Florida's schools, both in public schools and in not-for-profit charters. I was a Golden Apple Teacher of distinction last year and have earned "highly effective" ratings the past two years. The real schools of hope for Florida's children are our public schools. My experience has been limited to Lee and Collier counties, but the public schools are robust institutions of knowledge.

My experience in the charter schools was very different. There were only two goals in these schools: 1. Teach to the test so we could beat the public schools and 2. increase enrollment so the company made more money. I left the charter school because it was not a place of learning, but a scheme to make money for the company.

Please don't think I'm belittling the idea of charter schools. I began my teaching career in Baltimore where small, selective charters are able to thrive. But the reality here is that most of the students who are promised help by HB 7069 - the ones who need it most - won't get it. They would be rejected by the new charter schools because of disabilities, behavior, grades, or lack of parental support.

I'm not sure what the school climate is statewide, but in Lee and Collier counties, public education is strong. This bill would hurt our students.

Also, the reason I have your email address is from news reports where charters and private schools offered extra credit to parents and teachers for supporting HB 7069. This is never something a public school would consider, which is the reason, I believe, you're getting softer opposition than actually exists against this bill.

Thank you for your time,

Ben Andersen

From: Stephen Wise
To: Piepenbrink, Brad
Subject: Governor appointments.
Date: Monday, February 16, 2015 12:37:08 PM

Brad:

Would you be available to talk with me after 4:PM tomorrow or on Wednesday morning anytime about the State Board of Education vacancy and the Education Commission of the States which are appointments by the Governor?

There are two issues I want to talk with you about. The first is the appointment of Gary Chartrand to the State Board of Education and the second is about the Education Commission of the States [ECS] and an appointment of myself to their Board. As a Senator, I was on ECS Steering Committee for 11 years and they provided me with consultants and research information when I was the Senate Appropriation Committee Chair for K-12 and also when I chaired the Senate k-12 Education Committee.

Let me know this afternoon because I am driving to Tallahassee in the morning.

Thanks for your consideration on these two appointments and when such appointments will be made.

Stephen R. Wise

From: kmcgrory@miamiherald.com
To: Bustamante, Jeri; Tupps, John; Schutz, Jackie
Subject: HB 7069 (testing)
Date: Thursday, April 9, 2015 2:21:07 PM

Hi all,

Does the governor plan to sign the testing bill that just passed out of the House? Does he have an opinion on it?

Thanks,
Kat

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Romimora, Jesse](#)
To: [Press](#)
Cc: [Ivasco, Priscilla](#); [Hemphill, Grace](#); [Aaron, Chelsea](#)
Subject: HB 7069 Selects
Date: Thursday, June 15, 2017 4:50:42 PM
Attachments: [06-15-17 Orlando HB 70691.jpg](#)
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Video on the way soon.

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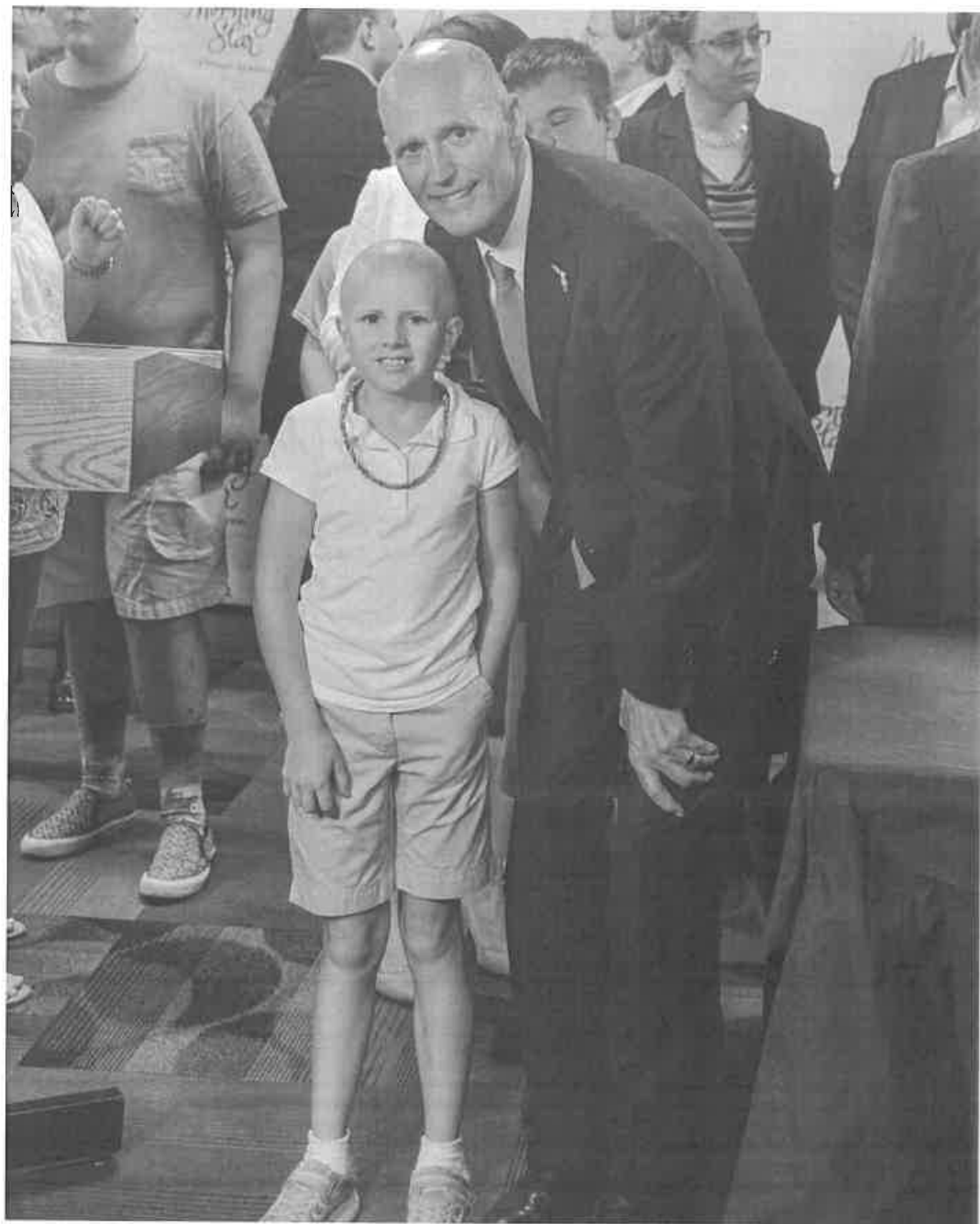
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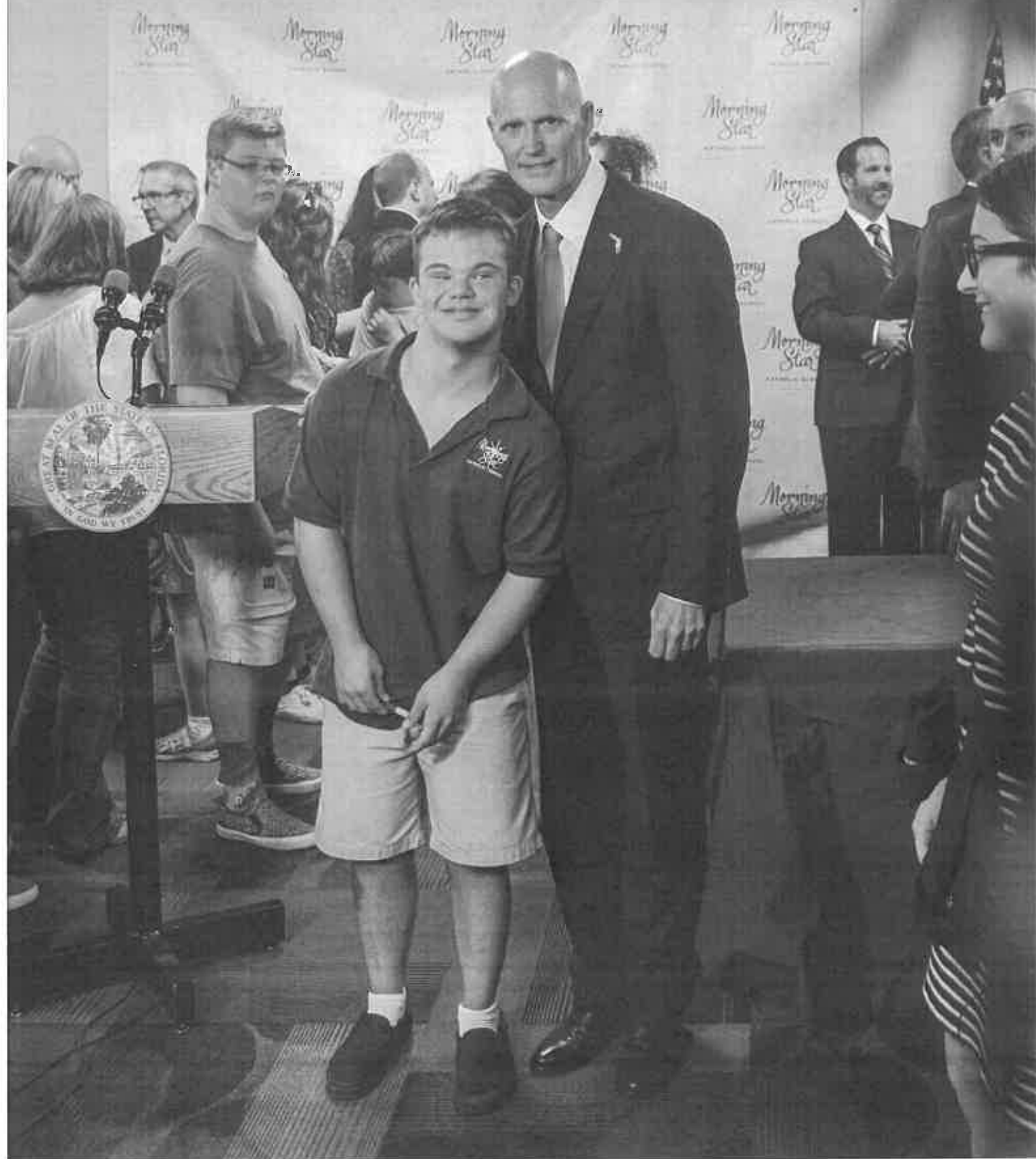
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From: [Romimora, Jesse](#)
To: [_Press](#)
Subject: HB 7069 Video Release
Date: Thursday, June 15, 2017 5:16:09 PM

Online on youtube in 5 minutes

From: Jessica Janasiewicz
To: [Spicola, Ashley](#)
Cc: [McDougal, Kim](#)
Subject: HB 7069 and Budget Feedback from districts
Date: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 2:39:31 PM
Attachments: [District Feedback HB 7069 and Budget.docx](#)

Ashley and Kim,

Good afternoon. Attached is feedback that I have received from some of the school districts that we represent. They provided information regarding HB 7069 and the budget. I will be sure to pass along any additional information that I receive.

Thank you for your consideration of their concerns.

Jessica Janasiewicz M.A., M.Ed.
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District Feedback – HB 7069 and Budget

Glades County Schools HB 7069 Feedback

Biggest concern is the requirement for districts to share capital funds with Charter Schools. Keep in mind, our charter schools are owned, operated and funded by the Seminole Tribe of Florida. Our charter schools, at last check, are spending around \$22,000 per student, now we will be required to provide them part of our capital funds. Capital funds that they (Reservation) does not pay in taxes, due to property tax exemption. As you can imagine, this is a sore spot for me. On the testing changes, there is some good, positive changes, however more can and should be done.

Lastly, it is difficult for me to see how the Schools of Hope could have a positive impact on Glades County Students. I feel that our staff does a great job with our students and see absolutely no benefit from this program in Glades County ever. My suggestion is to take the \$419 million for schools of hope and best and brightest and put that into the FEFP BSA. Allow us, the districts, to reward our “best and brightest” with salary increases.

Glades County Schools Budget Feedback

New funds total to Glades County, based on proposed bill/budget: \$863,844.

To get a true understanding of the negative impacts of the proposed Bill/Budget on Glades County Schools, I must first share our priorities going into this school year. Last year, we had our greatest penalty ever for being over in class size. After our compliance plan recalculation, we still lost just under \$84,000. Our top goal during this budget process for 17/18 was to bring the class size number down significantly. To accomplish a class size compliance, we were going to need to hire six new instructional staff. That cost would be roughly \$318,000. However, that was to just get in class size for last year, this does not take into account the additional students we look to gain this year, which will drive this number up another \$106,000. Therefore, new instructional staff will cost roughly \$424,000 of the \$863,844 increase we receive from the proposed budget, leaving \$439,844.

Working off the remaining \$439,844 (new funds), we now can deduct the Title I cuts that I am aware of on the Federal side, those equal to approximately \$80,000 for Glades. This does not take into account the changes that are in the proposed legislation. Now our new fund total is at approximately \$359,844. Our second priorities were on student safety and health. In that, we had planned to add a School Resource Officer (shared cost with Glades County Sheriff Dept) and a nurse. This would bring out total for SRO's to TWO for the District and each school would have a nurse. Estimated cost of \$67,000, putting our balance of new funds at \$292,844.

Lastly, we have the need to hire a part time speech therapist due to the number of students who need services, at a cost of approximately \$37,000.

With these additional new hires, our new fund total is right at \$250,844.

Not bad, taking into account that we have added several positions. But now let's take into account the cost of “step” salary increases for our staff. It costs us around \$245,000. Then looking at health insurance costs, we are now in the negative in our new funds. I have not even calculated the new state increases in benefits, electricity cost increases, and fuel cost increases and all the other categoricals that

are not funded adequately. Last year, we passed a budget that was \$300,000 in the red, before salary increases. If we add all the positions above, we will be looking at a budget that will be negative to the extent of \$650,000 before we even think about providing salary increases to staff.

The only saving grace we have with the budget is that we are looking at a significant student enrollment increase for Glades County. If it were not for our optimistic FTE forecast, we would be one of the districts facing getting few funds than in 16-17.

Highlands County Schools HB 7069 Feedback

1. The Title 1 language restricts district wide expenditures. In Highlands, we designate these funds for items such as summer school, tutorial assistance, curriculum purchases, and professional development. As you know Title 1 funds are federal funds that already come with many protections, to place additional state restrictions is unnecessary.
2. The decision to have recess is a local decision. Currently, Highlands complies with the requirement to have 150 minutes of structured PE each week. To require school districts to now include additional time to allow for recess when we already have structured play time is redundant. This requirement does seem to show preference to charter schools over traditional schools by exempting them from this requirement.
3. As for the "Best and Brightest" teacher bonus program, the plan would vastly expand over the next three school years with requirements to pay effective teachers \$800 per year and highly effective teachers \$1,200 per year. It is always wonderful to compensate our effective and highly effective classroom teachers. However, with the cut of \$27.07 per student, it will be extremely difficult to compensate the remaining staff that also work so very hard to improve student achievement and ensure that our schools run safely and smoothly.
4. The reduction of testing has been a matter of great discussion. It is extremely disappointing that despite numerous pleas from students, parents, school staff and most legislators to reduce testing to what is required by ESEA, the only assessment this bill eliminates is Algebra II. The Algebra II exam will overall impact the fewest number of students of any standardized test.
5. The increased funding for schools of hope at a much higher rate than traditional schools clearly depict the increased favor on charter schools. With such additional funding, traditional schools could absolutely provide additional support and wrap around services which is so desperately needed at all of our schools.

Highlands County Schools Budget Feedback

1. The budget is of greatest concern to Highlands. Highlands is one of the 20 school districts that will see less student funding this year. The Base Student Allocation that is \$27.07 per student lower than the current year will result in a decrease of \$473,754 to Highlands. The decrease of \$27.07 is not commensurate with the economic indicators showing recovery. This decrease will make it extremely difficult to keep up with the increased cost of health insurance and operational costs.

Osceola County Schools HB 7069 Feedback

The legislation drastically changes the way federal Title I dollars are distributed to schools will be devastating to Osceola School District. The bill limits our ability to provide district-wide services and target specific services to our neediest students.

Seventy-six (76) Title I positions are at risk of being reduced or eliminated under this bill.

Title I programs and services that could also be eliminated include:

- Targeted services to low performing schools
- Early childhood literacy programs
- Science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) programs
- Acceleration programs
- Additional reading support
- Summer programs
- School-based resource teachers, including math and science coaches
- School-based family engagement

The other big concern from a money perspective is the capital outlay sharing with charter schools piece.

Charter School Enrollment: Osceola currently has 19% of our students enrolled in charter schools.

Stretching Limited Funding: Due to our relatively low property tax values and high growth, Osceola ranks among the lowest districts in capital outlay tax revenues per student. These limited dollars which are needed to maintain our facilities, pay for portables, school bus purchases, technology infrastructure, ancillary facilities, and cover debt service payments, cannot afford to be further stretched by taking a percentage off the top for charter schools. We estimate the potential charter school allocation to be around \$3.9M, further reducing capital outlay tax dollars available for our capital needs.

Debt Service Obligations: Of the \$32.4M we are forecasted to receive this year from the 1.5 mills for capital outlay, \$20.8M is obligated for debt service payments. The debt issues were originally incurred when the district received 2 mills for capital, which was then reduced to 1.5 mills, and is now being threatened with a further reduction to share up to 19% of the reduced amount with charter schools.

Per Student Capital Funding: Capital dollars have never been intended to follow the individual students. These dollars are allocated to projects based on where the greatest needs are within the district, not based on an amount going to each school each year according to the number of students at each school. Allocating capital dollars to charter schools based on FTE could mean that taxpayer dollars would be spent on a charter school facility that is only three years old versus using those dollars to complete

renovations on a 40 year-old traditional school. This is clearly not using limited funds where they are most needed.

Cash Flow Concerns: Another concern is the timing of providing these funds to charter schools. Property tax dollars are typically received by the districts between November and March each year based on when taxes are paid by the property owners. With a requirement to provide cash to the charter schools on a monthly basis, the district would have to borrow cash from other funding sources to provide these dollars to charter schools before the taxes have been paid and dollars are available.

Okeechobee County Schools HB 7069 Feedback

1. The Title 1 language restricts district wide expenditures. In Okeechobee, we hold back funds for items such as summer school and tutorial programs, curriculum purchases, and professional development. Title 1 funds are federal funds that already come with many protections, to place additional state restrictions is unnecessary.

2. The decision to have recess is a local decision. Okeechobee offers structured play time for 30 minutes each day. This time counts under the requirement to have 150 minutes of PE each week. To cause school district to now include additional time to allow for recess when we already have structured play time is redundant. I find it interesting that this bill codifies the extra hour of instruction in reading for schools, yet will cause us to limit additional reading instruction by requiring recess. Further yet, the requirement continues to show preference to charter schools over traditional schools by exempting them from the requirement.

3. The expansion of best and brightest requires a three-year commitment to pay effective teachers \$800 per year and highly effective teachers \$1,200 per year. This is certainly welcome, but it pertains only to classroom teachers. With the cut of \$27.07 per student, how do we provide increases for the remaining staff that also work very hard to keep our schools running and help increase student achievement?

4. This year was poised to be a great opportunity to reduce the amount of testing. Despite numerous pleas from students, parents, school staff and most legislators to reduce testing to what is required by ESEA, the only assessment this bill eliminates is Algebra II which overall impacts the fewest number of students of any standardized test.

5. The bill is very charter school friendly at the expense of traditional schools. It funds schools of hope at a much higher rate than traditional schools. With additional funds, we could all provide wrap around services and such which is so desperately needed at all schools.

6. When charter schools first began, they did so under the stipulation that their capital expenditures were to be less than regular schools. This was primarily due to the ability of the charter to open up anywhere even where there was capacity at traditional schools. Having to share a prorated share of the 1.5 capital millage now uses tax dollars to over build and invest in facilities where there may even be plenty of capacity.

Okeechobee Budget Feedback

As far as the budget is concerned, the final numbers will show a decrease for nearly 20 districts. The only reason Okeechobee is not one of those 20 is because we are projecting a small increase in student growth. The decrease of \$27.07 is not commensurate with the economic indicators showing recovery. Individual projects such as best and brightest and schools of hope from leadership have overshadowed the greater good. The decrease will also make it difficult to keep up with the cost of inflation on all goods and services.

From: Gabriel Fernandez
To: McDougal, Kim
Subject: HB 7069
Date: Thursday, May 18, 2017 1:32:15 PM

Dear Mrs. Spicola,

My name is Gabriel Fernandez and I am an 8th grader at Mater Academy Charter Middle High in Miami, Florida. I am writing you today regarding HB7069. This bill can directly impact my classmates and I. These EOC's and FSA Exams we are subject to are grossly unreasonable. Every year we start earlier and earlier, limiting our instruction time and increasing testing time. The stress is too much for the younger kids, with the pressure of pass/fail being placed on us since the 5th grade. As a Charter school student I feel I am privileged to be receiving the education that I am in the school that I am and want to make sure I don't lose this opportunity because I live in another "zone." I urge you to please encourage our Governor to sign HB7069.

Sincerely,

Gabriel Fernandez

From: Gabriela Luna
To: McDougal, Kim
Subject: HB 7069
Date: Thursday, May 18, 2017 9:12:16 AM

Dear Governor Scott,

I am writing to ask that you sign House Bill 7069 into law. I particularly support in ending the FSA and therefore approve the Bill's requirement that the FDOE studies whether this can be replaced by the ACT or SAT. This would greatly benefit Florida's students.

Therefore, again I urge you to pass HB 7069 into law.

Sincerely
Gabriela Luna

From: Sara Frometa
To: McDougal, Kim
Subject: HB 7069
Date: Thursday, May 18, 2017 1:37:19 PM

Dear Mrs. Spicola,

My name is Sara Frometa and I am an 8th grader at Mater Academy Charter Middle High in Miami, Florida. I am writing you today regarding HB7069. This bill can directly impact my classmates and I. These EOC's and FSA Exams we are subject to are grossly unreasonable. Every year we start earlier and earlier, limiting our instruction time and increasing testing time. The stress is too much for the younger kids, with the pressure of pass/fail being placed on us since the 5th grade. As a Charter school student I feel I am privileged to be receiving the education that I am in the school that I am and want to make sure I don't lose this opportunity because I live in another "zone." I urge you to please encourage our Governor to sign HB7069.

Sincerely,

Sara Frometa

From: Collins, Meghan
To: Schutz, Jackie
Subject: HB7069_4 28 15
Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2015 11:56:30 AM
Attachments: HB7069_4 28 15.docx

Gov. Scott Announces Dr. Joseph Joyner to Serve on the Florida Standards Assessment Review Selection Panel

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Today, Governor Rick Scott announced Dr. Joseph Joyner as his selection to serve on the panel that will choose a vendor to conduct a third-party review of the 2014-2015 Florida Standards Assessment. Earlier this month, Governor Scott signed House Bill 7069, which called for the Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives to each designate an individual to compose the three-person selection panel.

Governor Scott said, “It is critical that our state’s parents, teachers and students have confidence in the statewide assessments required by Florida Statute. With Dr. Joyner’s extensive background in education, he brings a perspective that will help ensure the right organization is selected to review the Florida Standards Assessment and determine whether the test results adequately measure our students’ knowledge.”

Dr. Joseph Joyner has been Superintendent of the St. Johns County School District, one of the state’s top-performing districts, since 2003. Prior to taking over as superintendent, he had served in various administrative positions at Orange County Public Schools since 1980.

The law mandates that in selecting the entity, the panel must consider, at a minimum:

- The national reputation and length of establishment of the entity;
- The experience and expertise of the independent entity in validating such data; and
- The use of professional standards, codes, and guidelines that address applicable practices in the profession, such as the Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing.

The panel must select the independent entity no later than June 1, 2015. Upon selection of the entity, DOE shall immediately contract with the independent entity to perform the verification, which must be completed by September 1, 2015.

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From: John Kennedy
To: [Schenone, Lauren](#)
Cc: [Schutz, Jackie](#)
Subject: Hi Lauren: I'm doing a story on how per-pupil funding went from low to higher in special session
Date: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 11:46:21 AM

Did your office receive much correspondence after the regular session, calling for Gov to veto the FEFP?

Also, could you similarly provide the latest numbers on emails, cards and phone calls on HB 7069?

Thanks!

John Kennedy
WFSU/The Florida Channel
Twitter: JKennedyReport
850-321-0572

From: Chris Harris
To: [McDougal, Kim](#)
Cc: [Reilly, Kevin](#)
Subject: House Bill 7069
Date: Monday, May 22, 2017 11:15:07 AM

Honorable Rick Scott
Governor of the State of Florida
Executive Office of the Governor
The Capitol
400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Governor Scott,

I am writing to you asking that you veto House Bill 7069. I know a part of the Bill includes allowing the State Government to make zoning decisions on behalf of Charter Schools throughout the State of Florida, taking that responsibility away from the local government. Our neighborhood and Miami-Dade commuters just worked together to bring to the attention of the Miami-Dade Board of Commissions the negative impact a charter school would have on the neighborhood and traffic on Sunset Drive in Miami, which is a major east/west artery. Sunset Drive is already gridlock morning and night and allowing a 2500 student K-12 Charter School to be built on this main commuter artery would have caused an unnecessary hardship on commuters traveling to their jobs and children traveling to their schools in the area who already sit in massive traffic. The opponents did not object to the school, but the location was not appropriate. It was also presented to the Board of Country Commissions that there was not a need for an additional school in the area because all the elementary and middle schools were under capacity and there was only a 95 student excess in the high school. If House Bill 7069 is approved this could dramatically impact neighborhoods throughout the State of Florida because the Tallahassee legislature will not have the firsthand experience and knowledge to know the local circumstances and impact to the area.

I ask you to please veto this bill and do not take the decisions away from the local government that have been elected to protect and care for their communities and constituents. Thank you for your attention to this most important matter.

Yours truly,

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Miami, Florida 33143

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From: Katherin Sesma
To: [McDougal, Kim](#)
Subject: House Bill 7069
Date: Thursday, May 18, 2017 1:19:14 PM

Dear Mrs. McDougal

My name is Katherin Sesma and I am an 8th grader at Mater Academy Charter Middle High in Miami, Florida. I am writing you today regarding HB7069. This bill can directly impact my classmates and I. These EOC's and FSA Exams we are subject to are grossly unreasonable. Every year we start earlier and earlier, limiting our instruction time and increasing testing time. The stress is too much for the younger kids, with the pressure of pass/fail being placed on us since the 5th grade. As a Charter school student I feel I am privileged to be receiving the education that I am in the school that I am and want to make sure I don't lose this opportunity because I live in another "zone." I urge you to please encourage our Governor to sign HB7069.

Sincerely,

Katherin Sesma

From: Raul Martinez
To: [McDougal, Kim](#)
Subject: House bill 7069
Date: Thursday, May 18, 2017 8:10:58 AM

My name is Raul Martinez i attend Mater Academy Charter High school. And i support the house bill 7069.

From: Jessica Hooper
To: McDougal, Kim
Subject: Kim McDougal April 1 @ 2pm
Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 11:28:28 AM

Hello Kim,

I understand and respect how busy you are. We had a conference call yesterday with Gary Chartrand and he suggested I reach out to you again. We have a meeting scheduled tomorrow with your staff Ashley Spicola and Brandy Young at 2pm and if your schedule permits would love for you to join us.

We do have very exciting news with our business partners who have invested \$2 million dollars into STEM education in Florida. We would like to update you on our work and learn from you how we can be more helpful.

We have trained 499 teachers in Florida and are serving over 15,000 students in 130 Florida schools this year. We will be serving more than 500 schools in the next two years and work with Florida universities to train our teachers. Please let me know if you would have time tomorrow at 2pm or if you would prefer a different time.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Respectfully,
Jessica Hooper

Jessica T. Hooper
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From: Jessica Hooper
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 1:37 PM
To: 'kim.mcdougal@eog.myflorida.com'
Subject: Meeting Request with Governor Scott and Kim McDougal 4/1-2 - PLTW

Hello Ms. McDougal,

I have submitted a formal meeting request through the Governor's scheduler. We recently had a \$2 million investment from one of our corporate partners Lockheed Martin in the full district wide expansion of our STEM program; Project Lead The Way (PLTW.) We would like to meet with you and Governor Scott to discuss how we can help prepare students for the ever changing economy and meet the needs of industry.

Project Lead The Way (PLTW) is the national leader in STEM education. We are a national non-profit organization who writes curriculum for students K-12 and our courses are offered in over 150 Florida schools. We focus on biomedical science, engineering, and computer science.

We are grateful for the continued leadership of Governor Scott and support his STEM residency initiative.

Our leadership will be in town visiting with education policy leaders and we would like to meet with you and Governor Scott on April 1st or 2nd at any time that is convenient for your schedules.

We are very respectful of time and will be brief. Our agenda would include the following:

1. Thank you
2. provide a high level PLTW Florida update
3. investment by our corporate partner in Florida. (Link below)

[Lockheed Martin multi-million dollar investment in PLTW in Orange County Public Schools Florida](#)

4. Our support of STEM residency program

We would have the following representatives with us:

Tom Luna, National Chief Policy Officer and former State Superintendent of Public Instruction Idaho

Glade Montgomery, Vice President Engagement

Lanny Wood, Director of School Engagement Florida

Here is a [PLTW Fact Sheet](#)

Please let Governor Scott know that his friends in Naples are very proud of him. I worked for the Naples Chamber and was an aide to a State Representative from Collier County several years ago.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Respectfully,
Jessica Hooper

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From: Lawson, Stephen
Subject: Leg Alert: Gary Chartrand confirmed to SBOE
Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 2:01:39 PM

Bullard opposed.

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From: Lawson, Stephen
Subject: Leg Alert: HB 7069 Education Accountability final passage 105-6
Date: Thursday, April 9, 2015 1:48:31 PM

HB 7069 Education Accountability final passage in House 105-6.

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To: McDougal, Kim
Subject: Letter for HB 7069
Date: Thursday, May 18, 2017 9:01:59 AM

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From: Representative Janet H. Adkins
To: [McDougal, Kim](#)
Subject: Letter to the Editor - School Testing and Accountability
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October 20, 2015

Dear Friends,

Please find a copy of my recent letter to the editor regarding school accountability and testing.

Letter to the Editor

"Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or the present are certain to miss the

future." These were the words of President John F Kennedy as he challenged Americans to seize our seat at the table and ask us to reach higher.

Likewise, education cannot be a system that is frozen in time and held hostage to old views and outdated methods. We must embrace innovation and lead with principles. The principle of accountability ensures we measure student outcomes. This allows us to understand how our children's performance compares to those around the state. Parents have a right to know whether their child is making adequate progress.

The teachers union and the League of Women's Voters have called for a full retreat from the accountability system; their call for a retreat from school accountability is driven in part because the accountability system now connects teacher evaluations to the performance of their students.

With increased public investment in our public schools, there is some reasonable expectation that the system performs and works to meet high standards. Most teachers easily meet the effective and highly effective requirements. In fact, well over 90% of teachers are rated as meeting these criteria. Legislation that passed in 2014, with the support of school districts, provided that public schools will be held harmless for their 2014-2015 school grades and will continue to receive the school recognition money that traditionally is allocated to teacher bonuses by the local school advisory councils.

In response to concerns about testing, the legislature during the 2015 regular session passed reforms aimed at reducing testing, validating the new Florida State Assessment and creating more local flexibility. I have highlighted some of the changes below that were passed into law as part of CS/HB 7069;

- To confirm the validity of the FSA the bill called for a study by an independent testing company. The study, conducted by Alpine, confirmed the FSA is valid for group level decisions and accurately measures Florida's students' mastery of the Florida Standards. http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/5306/urlt/FSA-Final-Report_08312015.pdf
- The bill eliminated unnecessary and duplicative state and district assessments by repealing the 11th grade English Language Arts and repealing the requirement for the Post-Secondary Readiness Test (PERT), along with prescriptive remediation and progress monitoring requirements.
- The bill prohibited the administration of district-based final exams in addition to statewide end - of - course exams.
- In order to maximize instructional time, the bill limited administration of state and local assessments to no more than 5% of a student's total school hours.
- To increase local school board flexibility the bill provided greater discretion to school administrators to address monitoring of reading level of K-3 students and addressing the needs of students who struggle with math and reading.
- The bill required 3rd grade students who receive scores in the bottom quintile on the 2014-2015 English Language Arts (reading) to be identified as "at risk" and required these students to receive intensive instruction and support.
- The bill granted school districts greater flexibility and local control in measuring student performance in grades and subjects not associated with state assessments.
- The bill granted local school districts additional flexibility in evaluating teacher and administrator performance by reducing the student performance (including results from the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) and end-of-course exams) and instructional practice evaluation to one third each.
- CS/HB 7069 required results from district-mandated local tests be provided to teachers and parents within 30 days after the test is given.
- Each school is required to publish on its website the testing schedule (both state and local-

mandated tests) and must include a parent guide.

- School districts were given additional local control to evaluate teachers using district-selected criteria such as peer review, parent surveys and other job and professional responsibilities.
- The bill granted the school districts greater local control to measure student performance in subjects and grades not associated with statewide-standardized tests.

The truth is that many school districts rely heavily on student growth to improve their grade. This student growth data is not available because of the transition from FCAT to the new more rigorous FSA test. While statutes require that grades be issued the law specifies that grades will not be used in a punitive manner.

Many of the jobs that our children will seek to compete for will require some level of higher learning and will involve a greater need for critical thinking skills, math and science. The rigor of your child's education will largely determine whether they are able to gain admission to any of the Florida universities that are now recognized as some of the best nationally.

Last year the legislature allocated approximately \$2 million in additional funding to Nassau County Public Schools. The legislature and Governor Rick Scott continue to focus on investing new funds in our K12 Education system. I will be working to help increase the investment in education during the 2016 session.

The reforms passed by the 2015 legislature provide school districts with greater flexibility on testing and how teachers are evaluated. As a parent of two high school teenagers, I understand the need for quality instructional time and worked as a lawmaker to improve greater local control in finding balanced solutions.

Winning the future starts with a commitment and sense of urgency about the success of each child. I often receive e-mails from frustrated parents who struggle to find a path towards their child's success and the disappointment they face when the system is failing their child.

Many teachers are using new and innovative instructional methods aimed at helping students succeed. Perhaps there should be a greater focus on ensuring that we create that path that allows a student to realize the rewards of their hard work and recapture their interest and engagement in the classroom. It is rewarding when your child comes home and is excited about what is happening in their classroom and is being inspired by a great teacher!

I am committed to looking at further changes and reform during the 2016 legislative session. One major focus of my committee work will be to craft a framework to ensure we address the challenge of those who struggle to read and those with Dyslexia. I invite you to share with me your thoughts and concerns with your child's educational experience, it is through your comments and suggestions that real reform is achieved; you can contact me at janet.adkins@myfloridahouse.gov.

As always, thank you for your confidence in my service. It is an honor and a privilege to serve our district in Tallahassee.

Thank you and God bless you.



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May 12, 2017

The Honorable Rick Scott
Plaza Level 05, The Capitol
400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Dear Governor Scott:

On Monday, May 8, 2017, the Florida House and Senate passed their proposed 2017 Florida budget and pertinent conforming bills. Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) urges you to line-item veto the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) component of the proposed state budget. The budget is completely out of alignment with the needs of public schools and our students.

Among the provisions of the Conference Agreement related to the FEFP are the following:

- Provides an increase of \$241.4 million statewide, or 1.2%, the lowest since 2011-2012;
- Provides a \$24.49, or 0.34%, increase in total per student funding;
- Reduces the Base Student Allocation (BSA) by \$27.07, or -0.65%, to \$4,133.64; and
- Reduces Required Local Effort (RLE) by 0.316, resulting in a revenue loss of \$577 million statewide and \$88 million for M-DCPS.

The proposed budget will pay for none of M-DCPS projected expense increases for 2017-2018, including:

- Increased costs associated with classroom support and technology (\$14 million);
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- Increased utilities costs (\$6 million).

In fact, the FEFP dollars provided will only cover the increase in the Florida Retirement System (FRS)-mandated expenditures forcing budget reductions. Perhaps the most impactful provision is that the legislature has reduced the RLE, resulting in a BSA that is \$27.07 lower per student than the current year. **In fact, the proposed 2017-2018 BSA is lower than the BSA a decade ago. What is worse, this is the first time in the State of Florida's history that the BSA has been cut in a non-recession year.** All this in the same year where the Legislature has provided \$140 million in additional funding to Schools of Hope and \$214 million in teacher bonuses for only certain teachers through the Best and Brightest program. These bonuses are non-recurring and have no impact on teachers' FRS earnings or retention. If the \$414 million were instead put back into the budget as part of the BSA, we would have had approximately a 2 percent increase in funding statewide.

For the aforementioned reasons, we respectfully request that you line-item veto the

FEFP component of the State budget. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Ms. Iraidia R. Mendez-Cartaya, Associate Superintendent, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Grants Administration, and Community Engagement, at 305 995-1497.

Sincerely,

Alberto M. Carvalho
Superintendent of Schools

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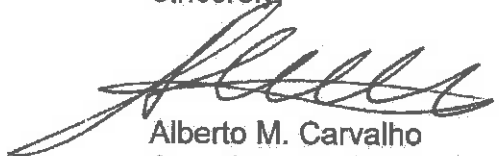
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Cc: Sunburst
Date: Monday, April 13, 2015 6:03:28 PM

Gov. Scott Looks Forward to Signing Legislation to Reduce Testing

TALLAHASSEE – Today, Governor Rick Scott made the following statement regarding the passage of House Bill 7069 which reduces the amount of tests Florida students take.

Governor Scott said, "I look forward to signing legislation passed by the Florida Legislature which reduces the amount of tests our students take, including the 11th grade English Language Arts test that we eliminated this year through an Executive Order in February. I agree with many teachers and parents who say that we have too many tests, and while this legislation is a great step forward, we will keep working to make sure Florida students are not over tested.

"It is important that parents have information on how their children are doing in school and on the tests their children take and this legislation will provide greater transparency on whether the state or school districts require certain tests. We want our kids to be prepared for college or a career and this legislation also greatly improves our teacher evaluation system which will ensure we have the best teachers in our classrooms. I want to thank Senator Legg and Representative O'Toole for championing this legislation and I applaud the Florida Legislature for swiftly passing it."

From: Commissioner Stewart
To: Undisclosed recipients
Subject: Memorandum on Use of Florida Standards Assessments End-of-Course Exam Results
Date: Monday, May 18, 2015 3:18:14 PM
Attachments: HB 7069 TA Memo 5-18-15.pdf
Information on House Bill 7069 updated 5-18-15.pdf

Superintendents,

Please find attached a memo addressing the use of Florida Standards Assessments End-of-Course exam results for Algebra I, Algebra II and Geometry in the 2014-2015 school year. We have also updated other technical assistance information on House Bill 7069. The presentation made to the Florida Organization of Instructional Leaders on May 6 has been updated, is attached, and can be found at <http://www.fldoe.org/schools/k-12-public-schools/foil.shtml>.

Sincerely,
Pam Stewart



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MEMORANDUM

TO: School District Superintendents

FROM: Hershel Lyons

DATE: May 18, 2015

SUBJECT: Preliminary Technical Assistance on House Bill 7069

On May 6, the Florida Department of Education presented information on House Bill 7069 to the Florida Organization of Instructional Leaders (FOIL). Part of this presentation included questions and discussion with school districts on implementation scenarios. Based on this discussion, we are pleased to provide the FOIL presentation with updated information at <http://www.fldoe.org/schools/k-12-public-schools/foil.shtml>.

One of the pieces of information we did not have final for the FOIL presentation is the question of how Florida Standards Assessments End-of-Course (EOC) exam results in Algebra I, Algebra II and Geometry should factor into students' course grades (as applicable given their ninth grade cohort), since those results will not be released until the validity study required by House Bill 7069 is completed.

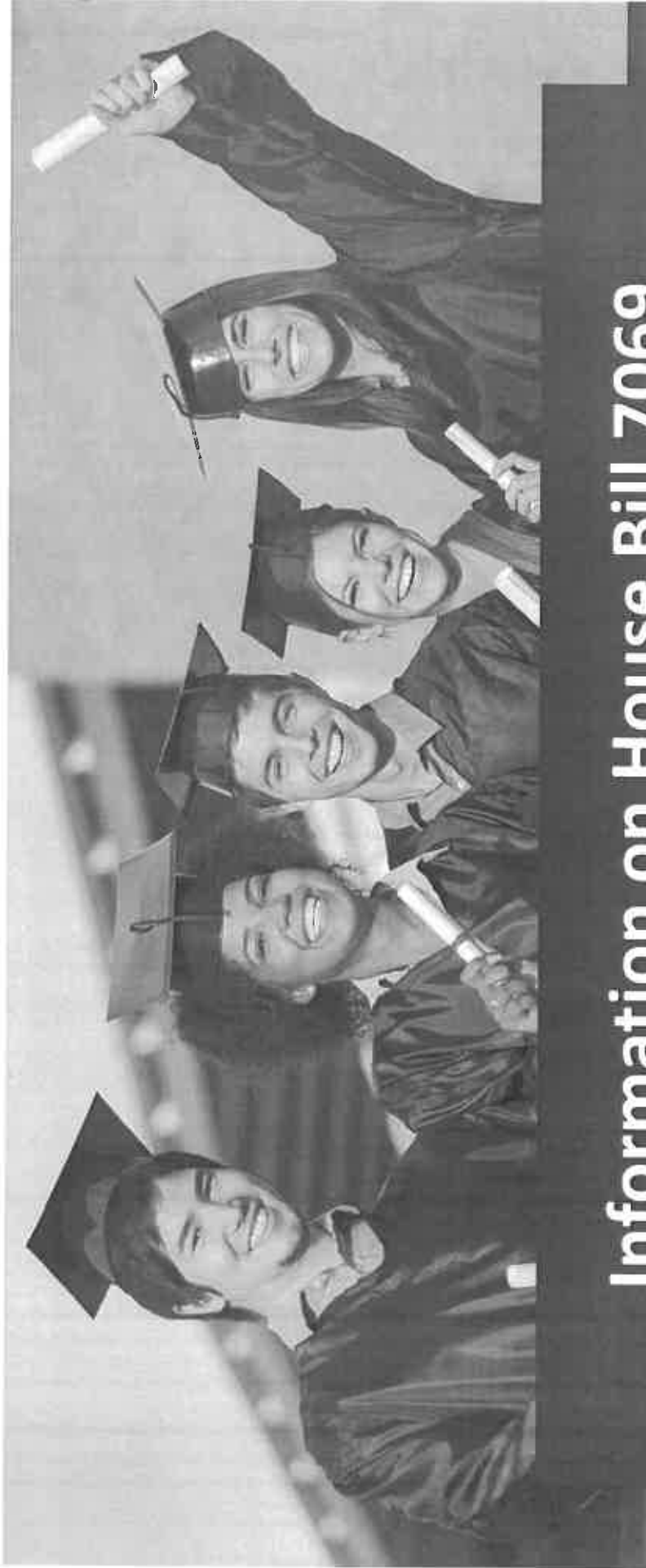
For the 2014-2015 school year only, because of the unavailability of independently verified statewide assessment results in Algebra I, Algebra II and Geometry, the statutory requirements to include these results in the final course grade are inoperative. As a result, school districts should calculate final course grades and make promotion decisions without regard to the 30 percent requirement that typically applies. The absence of EOC results alone in these courses should not result in a grade of incomplete.

Districts may choose to establish a policy regarding recalculating course grades when scores are available. If this recommendation is applied, the policy should be applied district-wide to all students for whom the recalculation results in an advantage.

As a reminder, the 30 percent requirement still applies for EOC results in Biology I, U.S. History and Civics, as those results will be released in June.

Additional technical assistance on specific topics is forthcoming. Thank you for your continued support as we work together in the best interest of students.

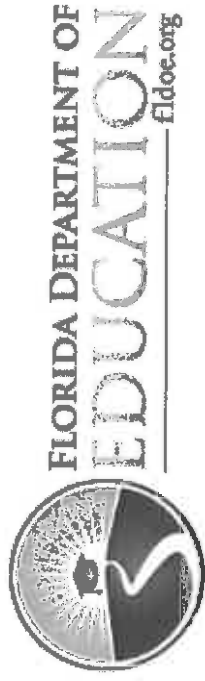
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CHANCELLOR OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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FOIL Spring Conference

May 6, 2015 (updated May 18, 2015)



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House Bill 7069 has 15 Sections

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| 1. School start date | 13. Educator evaluation |
| 2. K-3 reading | 14. Professional development |
| 3. Middle grades requirements | 15. Effective date (upon becoming law – April 14, 2015) |
| 4. High school requirements | |
| 5. Diploma designations | |
| 6. Academically high-performing districts | |
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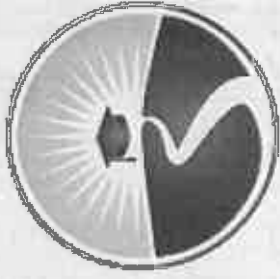
The bill text can be accessed at
<http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Documents/loaddoc.aspx?FileName= h7069er.docx&DocumentType=Bill&BillNumber=7069&Session=2015>.

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Bill Language

- An introductory section with the purpose or action of the bill
 - HB 7069, “An act relating to education accountability”
- The sections of law the bill revises, deletes, amends, or establishes with short descriptions
 - In numerical order by section of law
 - In many cases does not include entire sections of law, therefore should not be interpreted in isolation of the other parts of the unchanged text
 - May delete text that is duplicative, therefore should not be interpreted in isolation of other sections
- The most recent legislation trumps conflicting rule.



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Section 1001.42, F.S. (Section 1 of HB 7069)

(4)(f) “ ...the opening date for schools in the district may not be earlier than August 10 each year.”

Paired with the addition of s. 1003.621(k), F.S., which requires academically high-performing school districts to comply with this new provision.

What does this mean?

- Does this mean all school districts begin school August 10th?
- No, school districts may select their start date as long as it is not prior to August 10th.
- Does this mean school districts have to change their 2015-2016 start date if it is after August 10th?
- No, there is no requirement that districts change their start date unless it is set prior to August 10th.



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Section 1002.20, F.S. (Section 2 of HB 7069)

(11) Deletes the requirement that each elementary school regularly assess the reading ability of each K-3 student

Additionally, deletes naming a plan as a progress monitoring plan—plans are named in s. 1008.25(4)(b), F.S.

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What does this mean?

- Does it mean schools can no longer regularly assess K-3 student reading ability?
- This is a local decision. New legislation in s. 1008.25, F.S., requires, beginning immediately:
 - Districts establish a comprehensive plan for student progression that must:
 - Provide for a student's progression from one grade to another based on the student's mastery of the standards, specifically in English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies.
 - Include criteria that emphasizes student reading proficiency in kindergarten through grade 3.

What does this mean?

- So we no longer need to do a progress monitoring plan?
- S. 1008.25, F.S.: A student who is not meeting the school district or state requirements for satisfactory performance must be covered by one of the following plans:
 - A federally required student plan such as an individual education plan (IEP);
 - A schoolwide system of progress monitoring for all students, except a student who scores Level 4 or above in the specific subject area statewide assessment may be exempted from participation by the principal; or
 - An individual progress monitoring plan.

What does this mean?

- Does this affect our K-12 Reading Plan we just submitted?
- Our Just Read, Florida! Office will continue to work with you regarding any necessary amendments. In many cases the district reading plan template includes requirements that can now be the choice of the school district.

Related Information

- There will be no K-2 FAIR progress monitoring system for 2015-2016.
- The kindergarten readiness screener, WSS, will continue to be used next year with two additional reading observation elements added. This tool meets the state requirement for kindergarten screening.
- The results of this observation tool may be used by kindergarten teachers to provide instruction in any gaps observed in a child's kindergarten readiness.



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Section 1003.4156, F.S. (Section 3 of HB 7069)

Deletes only the requirement for middle grades students who score Level 1 or Level 2 on ELA FSA and/or Mathematics FSA to be enrolled in a remedial course or a content area course in which remediation strategies are incorporated.

Middle Grades Promotion – Change

- Deletes the requirement that students who score Level 1 or Level 2 on statewide assessments must enroll in and complete a remedial course or a content area course in which remediation strategies are incorporated into course content.

Middle Grades Promotion – Not Changed

- All other middle grades promotion requirements remain in place and unchanged.
- See slide 18 regarding middle grades students taking Algebra I, Algebra II, or Geometry for high school credit.

What does this mean?

- Since we don't have Level 1 and 2 scores before next year, do we just stop providing intensive reading or remediation?
- This is a local decision. Intensive courses are still options in the Course Code Directory.
- Since we are no longer required to remediate students, do we have to stop?
- This is a local decision. Intensive courses are still options in the Course Code Directory.



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Section 1003.4282, F.S. (Section 4 of HB 7069)

Deletes only the requirement for high school students who score Level 1 or Level 2 on ELA FSA and/or Algebra I EOC to be enrolled in a remedial course or a content area course in which remediation strategies are incorporated.

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Requirements for a Standard High School Diploma – Change

- Deletes the requirement that students who score Level 1 or Level 2 on statewide assessments must enroll in and complete a remedial course or a content area course in which remediation strategies are incorporated into course content.
- S. 1008.30, F.S.: Deletes the requirement for specified 11th grade students to take a college-ready assessment and, if college-ready scores are not met, complete appropriate postsecondary preparatory instruction.



Requirements for a Standard High School Diploma – Not Changed

- All other high school standard diploma requirements remain in place and unchanged.

What does this mean?

- Does the FSA EOC count for 30% of a student's course grade in Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry in 2014-2015 since those scores will not be available before the school year ends?
- Because of the unavailability of independently verified statewide assessment results in Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry, school districts should calculate final course grades and make promotion decisions without regard to the 30% requirement that typically applies.
- This also applies to middle grades students taking these courses for high school credit.
- The absence of EOC results alone in these courses do not result in an Incomplete.
- Districts may choose to establish a policy regarding recalculating course grades when scores are available. If this recommendation is applied, the policy should be applied district-wide to all students for whom the recalculation is an advantage.
- As a reminder, the 30% requirement still applies for EOC results in Biology I, U.S. History, and Civics, as those results will be released in June.

What does this mean?

- Have there been any changes to the Algebra I graduation requirement? What are these changes, if any?
- No, Algebra I graduation requirements have not changed.
- Since we don't have Level 1 and 2 scores before next year, do we just stop providing intensive reading or remediation?
- This is a local decision. Intensive courses are still options in the Course Code Directory.
- Since we are no longer required to remediate students, do we have to stop?
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What does this mean?

- How should districts deal with seniors' EOC scores being delayed this year and how they can determine if the student will graduate?
- District policy may require EOC results to be part of a student's course grade. The chart on the next slide explains when state law requires an EOC assessment must count 30% of a student's course grade and when it is required for graduation. For example, state law only requires fifth-year high school students and students in the 2013-2014 ninth grade cohort and thereafter to have the Algebra I EOC count as 30% of the student's course grade. The fifth-year students (ninth grade cohort 2010-2011) most likely, if they still need to pass the Algebra I course, would have taken the NGSSS Algebra I EOC as a retake this spring. There is not a delay in the reporting of these results.

Ninth Grade Cohort Requirements				
	Before 2010-2011	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013
Algebra I	Course required. Must Pass 10 th grade FCAT Mathematics to graduate.	Course required and EOC constitutes 30% of course grade.	Course required. <u>Must</u> Pass EOC to graduate. EOC is <u>NOT</u> part of course grade and is <u>NOT</u> required for credit.	Course required. <u>Must</u> Pass EOC to graduate and EOC constitutes 30% of course grade.
Algebra II		Course <u>NOT</u> required.		Course <u>NOT</u> required, but EOC constitutes 30% of course grade.
Geometry	Course <u>NOT</u> required.	Course required. The student must take EOC. EOC is <u>NOT</u> part of course grade and is <u>NOT</u> required for credit.		Course required and EOC constitutes 30% of course grade.
Biology I	Course <u>NOT</u> required. However, if the course is taken after 2010-2011, the student must take EOC. EOC is <u>NOT</u> part of course grade and is <u>NOT</u> required for credit.	Course and EOC required. EOC is <u>NOT</u> part of course grade and is <u>NOT</u> required for credit.		Course required and EOC constitutes 30% of course grade.
U.S. History	Course required. If the course is taken after 2011-2012, the student must take EOC. EOC is <u>NOT</u> part of course grade and is <u>NOT</u> required for credit.	Course required and EOC constitutes 30% of course grade.		Course required and EOC constitutes 30% of course grade.
Grade 10 English language arts	Course required. Must Pass 10 th grade FCAT Reading to graduate.			Course required. <u>Must</u> Pass 10 th grade ELA to graduate.
Online Course	Course <u>NOT</u> required.	Course <u>NOT</u> required.		At least one course within the 24 credits must be completed through online learning.

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- State law only requires, for students enrolled in Geometry or Algebra II, the EOC assessment results to count 30% of a student's course grade for students in the 2013-2014 ninth grade cohort and thereafter. (Algebra II course credit is not a requirement for a standard high school diploma.) The district will need to make decisions for seniors if the district has a policy that includes Geometry or Algebra II EOC results as part of a student's course grade.
- There is no delay in the reporting of Biology I, U.S. History, and Civics EOC results.
- Ninth grade cohort graduation requirements can be found at <http://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-7087/dps-2014-89a.pdf>.



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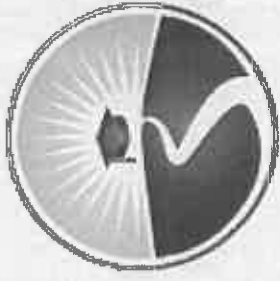
Section 1003.4285, F.S. (Section 5 of HB 7069)

Deletes the requirement that students entering grade 9 in 2014-2015 pass the grade 11 ELA FSA in order to be eligible for a Scholar designation.

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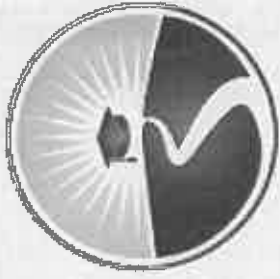
Section 1003.621, F.S. (Section 6 of HB 7069)

Requires academically high-performing school districts to comply with the new school start date provision in s. 1001.42, F.S.

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- Does this mean high-performing school districts have to change their 2015-2016 start date if it is prior to August 10th?
- Yes, high-performing school districts may not start earlier than August 10th.



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Section 1008.22, F.S. (Section 7 of HB 7069)

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What does this mean?

- Which assessments were eliminated from the statewide assessment program?
- The grade 11 FSA ELA was eliminated.

What does this mean?

- When will all of the statewide assessments be administered online?
- All FSAs will be computer-based according to the following timeline, which matches the planned transition timeline:
 - 2015-2016 – Grade 4 FSA ELA
 - 2016-2017 – Grades 3 & 4 FSA Mathematics
 - 2017-2018 – Grade 3 FSA ELA
- The bill does not require computer-based testing for FCAT 2.0 Science.

What does this mean?

- Since most of the EOC subsection was deleted, have the course grading or graduation requirements for EOCs changed?
- Duplicative language was deleted. Course grading requirements are found in s. 1003.4156, F.S., for middle school students and s. 1003.4282, F.S., for high school students; the Algebra I graduation requirement is found in s. 1003.4282, F.S.; and the comparative score provision for Algebra I is found in s. 1008.22(8), F.S.
- Can districts require middle grades students to take FSA Mathematics or FCAT 2.0 Science if they are taking an EOC in the same subject area as part of their course requirements?
- No, language prohibiting double-testing is now found in s. 1008.22(3)(b)2, F.S.

What does this mean?

- What kinds of tests are districts allowed to administer for courses with statewide EOCs?
- Districts may administer tests that focus on specific course content, such as chapter tests, in an effort to monitor student learning throughout the course. Districts may not administer a final cumulative examination if the course has a statewide EOC as part of its requirements.

District-required local assessments may be used as the final exam for non-statewide EOC courses.

- Are districts required to administer an assessment in each course that does not already have a statewide assessment?
- No, districts are not required to administer an assessment for each course.

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What does this mean?

- What happens to all of the district assessments? Do districts have to stop administering them?
- Districts may continue to use the assessments they have implemented for measuring student performance, or they may discontinue their use and implement other methods for determining student performance.
- Will the department continue to provide an item bank for districts to use?
- If funding is available and participation is sufficient, the Commissioner plans to assist districts by maintaining a statewide item bank.

What does this mean?

- What does the 5% testing requirement include?
- Districts may not schedule more than 5% of a student's total school hours to administer statewide and district-required local assessments. This includes a student's actual scheduled testing time. It does not include entire "testing windows."
- Assessment definitions will be adopted in State Board rule.
- What is 5% of the school year?
- 5% of 900 hours equals 45 hours.
- What do districts do if a student's projected testing schedule exceeds 5% of the student's total school hours?
- The district must get written parental consent before administering the district-required assessments. Written consent is not required for the statewide assessments.

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What does this mean?

- Are there exceptions to the 5%?
- Yes, the 5% does not pertain to:
 - Student-elected common placement testing for public postsecondary education or student-elected accelerated testing (e.g., AP, IB, AICE, industry certifications).
 - Students requiring test accommodations as required by an IEP or as appropriate for an ELL.
- When does the 5% requirement begin?
- The requirement became effective upon becoming law (April 14, 2015).

What does this mean?

- When will a template of the new uniform assessment calendar be available?
- The Commissioner is required to publish the new uniform assessment calendar by August 1, 2016, in a format approved by the State Board.
- When are districts required to begin using the uniform assessment calendar?
- By October 1st each year, beginning in 2016, districts must publish their testing schedules, which must be approved by the school board, on their websites using the uniform calendar format and submit them to the department. The uniform assessment calendar must also be provided in each school's parent guide.

What does this mean?

- What must the uniform calendar include?
- It must provide the following information for the assessment and reporting schedules for the next two school years:
 - Whether the assessment is state or district required
 - The specific dates the assessment will be administered
 - The time allotted to administer each assessment
 - Whether the assessment is computer- or paper-based
 - The grade level or subject area assessed
 - The date results are expected for teachers and parents
 - The purpose, type, and use of the assessment
 - A glossary of assessment terminology
 - Estimates of average time for administering state-required and district-required assessments, by grade level

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What does this mean?

- Are there new requirements for reporting test results?
- For any new or renewed contracts, statewide assessments results must be provided to teachers and parents by the end of the school year.
- Student performance results on local assessments must be provided to teachers and parents within 30 days of the test administration.



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Section 1008.24, F.S. (Section 8 of HB 7069)

Permits use of employees such as paraprofessionals as assessment proctors and test administrators after they have successfully completed State Board-approved training requirements.

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What does this mean?

- Are training requirements that must be successfully completed prior to the employees performing duties the same training as what is currently required or will there be a new training for paraprofessionals?
- The State Board will need to adopt the training requirements in rule. Public workshops will be convened this fall as part of the rulemaking process to determine what training requirements should be recommended to the State Board. It is anticipated that most of the training requirements will continue to be the same as they were this year.
- What should schools do prior to implementation of the rule?
- Until the rule is adopted, schools should follow the requirements stipulated in the *Test Administration Manuals*.



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Section 1008.25, F.S. (Section 9 of HB 7069)

Student progression and “support” as opposed to remediation; information on student achievement of standards must be provided to improve instruction; social studies added to student progression and progress monitoring; K-2 grades added to district annual report on number and percent of retained students; ESOL good cause exemption aligned to ESEA waiver.

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From: Dave Lawrence
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Subject: Need your help...
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Melissa:

I need some help to get an event on the Governor's calendar.

On April 13, a Monday – at noontime at the Tucker Civic Center – we are hosting the second annual Children's Week Business Leaders luncheon, in conjunction with the Florida Chamber of Commerce, Florida TaxWatch and the Florida Council of 100. As you may know, the Governor attended last year's event – and spoke bullishly on the issue of early investment. I'd like him to do the same again this year.

Some quick notes:

- I would introduce the Governor, as I did last year, speaking to his commitment to the topic as well as his role as father and grandfather.
- The Governor's remarks would emphasize his commitment to early learning and its practical role in Florida's workforce development. He can speak for as long or short as he'd like, but three to five minutes would fit well into the program.
- The vast preponderance of those in attendance will be business leaders. Last year folks like Gary Chartrand, Jorge Perez, Carol Jenkins Barnett, and others attended.
- The keynote this year will be Mike Fernandez, whom the Governor knows well. Everyone in the audience would receive a copy of his recently-published autobiography. (Please see the attached press release.)

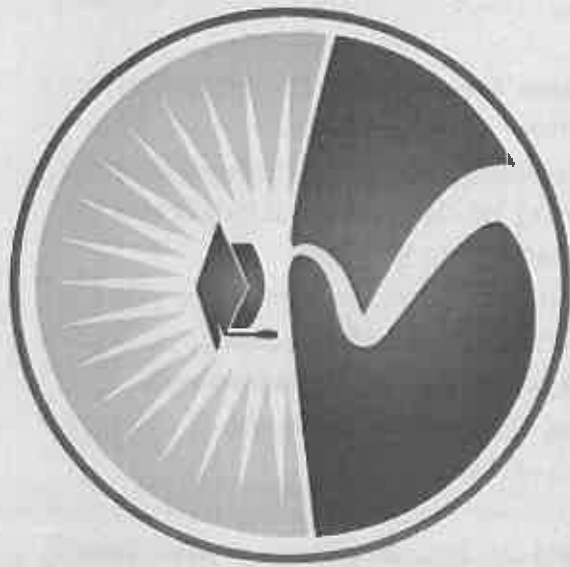
Am available to talk and give you any more details, and can do so whenever you'd like. Easiest way to reach me is via cell (305-773-1122) or via e mail.

I'd like to know just as soon as possible whether this can work.

Please let me know when you have received this, and when you might come back with an answer.

Thanks. I wish for you a most blessed year to be.

Dave Lawrence

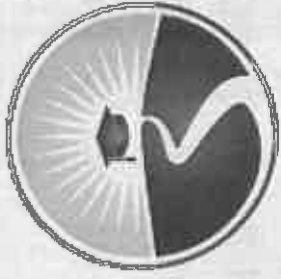


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Section 1012.98, F.S. (Section 14 of HB 7069)

Updates language to align with current terminology.



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Section 1012.3401, F.S. (Section 13 of HB 7069)

Repeals the section titled, “Requirements for measuring student performance in instructional personnel and school administrator performance evaluations; performance evaluation of personnel for purposes of performance salary schedule.”

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What does this mean?

- For instructional evaluations, could a teacher now receive the student learning growth portion of the evaluation calculated from the Reading and Mathematics scores of their students if the teacher does not instruct Reading and Mathematics courses?
- Yes, provided it is based on the students taught by the teacher. However, the department will not be producing a non-FCAT VAM type metric for the FSA, so the district would need to develop its own methodology for doing so.

Also Note

- Beginning in 2015-2016 the district must also use performance standards adopted into State Board Rule for these courses (s. 1012.34, F.S.).
- August 1, 2015, is the deadline for rule adoption in response to HB 7069 (s. 1012.34, F.S.).
- The Commissioner may select additional formulas to measure student performance for the remainder of the statewide, standardized assessments in s. 1008.22, F.S.

Personnel Evaluation – Change

- Data from the 2014-15 Florida Standards Assessments may not be used in teacher and principal evaluations until the validity study described in HB 7069 is completed. The bill requires the study to be completed by September 1, 2015.
- The bill removes the requirement for the State Board to adopt student performance levels that result in an unsatisfactory evaluation rating and a highly effective rating.

Personnel Evaluation – Change

- For courses not assessed by the state and courses with statewide assessments without a state-adopted growth model, districts have the flexibility to use all, some, or none of the results of statewide assessments in the performance of students component (s. 1012.34, F.S.).
- Instructional personnel and administrative personnel who have been evaluated as less than effective must participate in professional development programs as part of the improvement prescription, as required by the district school board (s. 1012.98, F.S.).

Personnel Evaluation – Change

- Administrative evaluations (s. 1012.34, F.S.) require the following components:
 - At least 1/3 based on performance of students
 - At least 1/3 based on instructional leadership
 - Allows for the inclusion of other indicators of performance.
- Districts may determine the combination of data included in the performance of students component based on the teacher’s teaching assignment (s. 1012.34, F.S.).

Personnel Evaluation – Change

- Districts are no longer responsible for creating assessments of specific types in courses not measured by statewide standardized assessments (s. 1008.22, F.S.).
- Instructional evaluations (s. 1012.34, F.S.) require the following components:
 - At least 1/3 based on performance of students
 - At least 1/3 based on instructional practice
 - Allows for the inclusion of other indicators of performance.

Personnel Evaluation – No Change

- For courses assessed by the state for which a state growth model has been selected (currently FSA and Algebra I), each district must base the performance of students component on the results of the state growth model.

Personnel Evaluation – No Change

- Districts remain responsible for measuring student performance in all grades and subjects (s. 1008.22, F.S.).
- The performance of students component in each teacher's and principal's evaluation must be based on that teacher's or principal's students (s.1012.34, F.S.).



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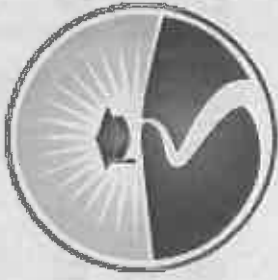
Our Opportunity

- To reposition teacher evaluation as a part of a professional growth system for educators.
- To reclaim the powerful potential of VAM to support leaders in making data-driven decisions that support student learning and educator growth.

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Section 1012.34, F.S. (Section 12 of HB 7069)

Personnel evaluation procedures and criteria

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What does this mean?

- What happens if the test is determined to be psychometrically invalid?
- School Grades and VAM scores cannot be released using data from the FSA and FSA EOCs in Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry.
- Will the validation study delay the process of setting Achievement Levels for the FSA?
- Not at this time. The convening of standard-setting educator panels is scheduled for late summer, and the results of the study are due by September 1st.

What does this mean?

- How do we determine which grade 3 students should attend summer reading camp?
- In June, districts will receive a list of grade 3 students who scored in the bottom quintile statewide. These students are identified as at risk of retention. Districts must notify parents of such students, provide evidence of the student meeting a good cause exemption, and provide appropriate intervention and support.
- How will districts be able to make decisions for seniors that are based on assessment scores?
- Most graduating seniors will have the results they need for graduation purposes, since FCAT 2.0 Reading Retake and NGSSS Algebra I EOC results will be released on schedule. There may be some graduating seniors who took the FSA Algebra I EOC. Districts will receive a list of students who met the graduation requirement for FSA Grade 10 ELA and FSA Algebra I EOC through a score linked to 2013-14 performance.

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What does this mean?

- When will districts receive scores?
- FSA scores cannot be released until after the validity study is completed.
- The results of the study are due by September 1, 2015.
- The validity study only impacts statewide, standardized assessments first implemented in 2014-2015 (i.e., FSA and Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry FSA EOCs).
- FCAT 2.0 Science; Biology I, U.S. History, and Civics EOC; and all retake scores will be reported as scheduled.

What does this mean?

- Will school grades be calculated for the 2014-2015 school year?
- The law requires that the independent verification of the psychometric validity of the statewide, standardized assessments first implemented in 2014-2015 be completed before 2014-2015 school grades may be calculated.
- Since the passage of Senate Bill 1642 during the 2014 Legislative Session, the planned release of baseline School Grades has been December 2015.
- The conclusion of the validity study by September 1st does not impact that timeline.



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Section 1008.34, F.S. (Section 11 of HB 7069)

DA schools that improve at least one letter grade in 2014-2015 are released from implementation of the turnaround option; Grade 3 students who score in the bottom quintile on the ELA FSA shall be identified as students at risk of retention; requires an independent verification of the psychometric validity of the FSA prior to use for school grades and educator evaluations.

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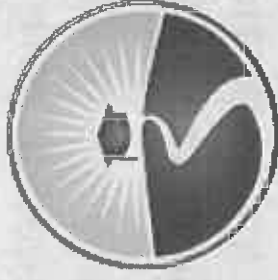
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What does this mean?

- Will districts still have PERT available to assess students for dual enrollment and college readiness?
- Yes, for 2015-2016 PERT will continue to be available.
- Will PERT still be available as an option for an Algebra I comparative test score?
- Yes, the current PERT mathematics comparative score will still be an option for students who have not met the Algebra I EOC score requirement until a new comparative score is identified.

What does this mean?

- Should PERT be administered for the 2014-15 school year?
- This is a local decision.
- Are all seniors who did not meet the college-ready requirement required to take the assessment?
- The former language required identified grade 11 students to take PERT. That is no longer in place. Grade 12 students have not been required to take the PERT.
- Do we still have to provide the College Readiness courses in reading and mathematics for seniors who have not met the college readiness requirement?
- This is a local decision. The year-long courses continue to count toward graduation core credit.



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Section 1008.30, F.S. (Section 10 of HB 7069)

Deletes only the requirement for select high school students to take PERT, and based on performance on PERT, be enrolled in college success or readiness courses their senior year. Other text in this section of law remains, continuing to require the State Board to develop and implement a common placement test.

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What does this mean?

- What is the requirement for a student to be promoted to grade 4?
- Beginning in 2015-2016, grade 3 students must score a Level 2 or higher on the ELA statewide, standardized assessment for promotion to grade 4.
- Can districts require all students who score Level 4 or 5 to participate in a system of progress monitoring assessments?
- This is a local decision. A student who scores Level 4 or above in the specific subject area statewide assessment may be exempted from participation in a schoolwide system of progress monitoring by the principal.

What does this mean?

- What must student progression from one grade to another be based upon?
- Student progression from one grade to another must be based upon the student mastery of the standards, specifically in English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies.
- Are we still required to monitor students' reading proficiency?
- The district student progression plan must include criteria that emphasize student reading proficiency in kindergarten through grade 3.
- Each student who does not achieve a Level 3 (satisfactory) or above on a statewide, standardized assessment must be evaluated to determine the nature of the student's difficulty, the areas of academic need, and strategies for providing academic support to improve the student's performance.

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Dear Kim:

I'm excited; so is Vance Aloupis, The Movement's CEO. And we think you will be excited, too, about our high-quality newly named board members:

- **Carol Jenkins Barnett**, of Lakeland, chair and president of Publix Super Markets Charities and longtime benefactor of the statewide ReadingPals early literacy program.
- **Wesley Barnett**, of Lakeland, an entrepreneur who holds key leadership positions in

several technology, retail and entertainment companies.

- **Tony Carvajal**, of Tallahassee, executive vice president of the Florida Chamber of Commerce Foundation.
- **Gary Chartrand**, of Jacksonville, executive chairman of Acosta Inc., and a member and former chair of the Florida Board of Education.
- **George Fernandez**, of Miami, a health-care industry entrepreneur and now founder and president of a medical transportation start-up called Ride2MD.
- **Toni Jennings**, of Orlando, former lieutenant governor of Florida and state Senate President.
- **Gerald Katcher**, of Miami, former chair of Sabadell United and Mellon United banks and co-founder of the Early Childhood Initiative Foundation.
- **Dr. Jane Katcher**, of Miami, a retired pediatric radiologist and co-founder of the Early Childhood Initiative.
- **Ron Sachs**, of Tallahassee, president and CEO of the Sachs Media Group and a former senior communications chief for Florida Govs. Reubin Askew and Lawton Chiles.
- **Bentina Terry**, of Pensacola, vice president for customer service and sales at Gulf Power Co. – and board member of Leadership Florida and the Florida Chamber Foundation.
- **Susan Towler**, of Jacksonville, vice president of the Florida Blue Foundation and the company's executive director of corporate social responsibility and philanthropic strategy.
- **Tom Van Straaten**, of Miami, former chemical company CEO and a longtime supporter of early learning and music organizations.

They will add to the momentum...as you do already.

Thanks.

Dave Lawrence
Chair

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Senator Don Gaetz, District 1 — Press Release

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SENATOR DON GAETZ REPORTS: THE 2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION- WHAT HAPPENED, WHAT DIDN-T HAPPEN AND WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE

Dear Neighbor,

On April 30th, I wrote to report the rather surprising ending of the 2015 Legislative Session. With more than a hundred pieces of legislation still awaiting final action, the House of Representatives abruptly adjourned early without notice and went home. The reason, according to House leadership, was irreconcilable differences between the two chambers regarding the health care budget, which consumes more than a third of all state revenues. In my most recent report, I laid out the health care issue, at least as I see it, and I'm very grateful for the comments, suggestions and guidance you've shared with me.

The hard fact, of course, is that uninsured Floridians do get sick, do get injured and do pile up many hundreds of millions of dollars in uncompensated care at our hospitals and clinics. Since there are no free bandages nor free medicines nor free wheelchairs, hospitals and other providers shift those costs onto the rest of us in higher charges on our medical bills and higher health insurance premiums. To do nothing means that cost-shifting continues, and grows worse, and small businesses and working families pay the price.

People of good will in both the House and Senate disagree about what to do with this hard fact. Disagreement about policy isn't a failure in our system. When our founders created three equal branches of government and two legislative chambers, they purposefully built tension into the system. Sharp, passionate, well-evidenced debate is how we grind through policy options, consider all views, vet and refine proposals and ultimately achieve solutions. As former Senate President Jeff Atwater counseled the Senate in his farewell address, "Never fear the debate."

The problem now is that the debate has turned sour and ugly. Some of the advocates have become petulant, even intolerant. Solutions have given way to sloganeering. The personal respect and trust between legislative leaders and between the Legislature and the Governor, which is the WD-40 that otherwise eases the way to compromise, is missing this year. In other words, Tallahassee at its worst is taking on the identity of Washington at its best.

On June 1, the House and Senate will be back in session to try to work out differences and pass a budget. Unlike some pundits and politicians, I believe our June budget session will be successful. I believe the time away from lobbyists and politicians, the time at home, face-to-face with constituents, will cool hot heads and remind us that voters hold all of us responsible for results.

Unlike Washington, there will be no government shut-down. Unlike Washington, we will not

only pass a budget, but we will balance the budget. Unlike Washington, Florida will live within its means. That's why our state will continue its remarkable recovery and growing prosperity, which in many ways lead the nation and outpace other states of our size.

Personally, I don't support solving the health care coverage issue by just expanding Medicaid, as Governor Scott proposed before he opposed it.

I do support the plan which Senator Joe Negron authored which provides premium assistance for the uninsured to buy private insurance in the private market. In fact, the Negron plan would entirely eliminate Medicaid in favor of an all-private sector/private market approach to health care coverage. I do support Senator Aaron Bean's plan that, in return for coverage in the private market, able-bodied people who are uninsured have to get jobs or get trained for jobs, work for their benefits and pay at least some of the costs out of their own pockets. I also believe the Senate should listen to House leaders who have ideas for increasing health care competition and hopefully decreasing costs.

There is a path to solutions, but it winds its way through compromise and respect. Based on the formal call for the special session as published this past Friday, I have confidence that President Andy Gardiner, Speaker Steve Crisafulli, and Budget Chairs Richard Corcoran and Tom Lee can find that path.

What happened during the Regular Session:

Overall, 1,755 bills were introduced in the Senate this year. Two hundred twenty passed. While it's certainly not a tragedy that the Legislature passed fewer laws due to the truncated session, I do regret that the pre-emptory way in which things ended in April left some vital legislation abandoned on the beach. I sponsored or co-sponsored thirty-eight bills, some of which made it through the process and are on the Governor's desk, but many of which died when the House adjourned early.

What follows is a partial listing of some of the bills, which I supported or joined in sponsoring, which passed the Senate and the House:

Fewer Tests, Better Tests Senate Bill 616/House Bill 7069

As a parent and as a former superintendent of schools, I support high standards and valid, reliable assessment of performance. Measuring each student's progress is how educators learn how to customize how they teach in order to meet individual student needs. Student performance, if accurately and fairly measured, is the best indicator of effective teaching. Parents and taxpayers have every right to know how their schools and their school districts are performing against high standards and compared to other schools, districts and states.

In very recent years, however, Florida has become over-obsessed with testing for its own sake. Too much testing with limited value undermines the education accountability reforms that raised our state from one of the worst to one of the best in student performance.

What I support and what SB 616/HB7069 achieves is fewer tests and better tests.

This bill reduces state testing requirements by deleting the 11th Grade English Language Arts

assessment, removes requirements for local end of course assessments in subjects that are not assessed statewide, and eliminates the required administration of the Post Education Readiness Test (PERT) in high school.

Based on discussions I've had with Northwest Florida educators, I insisted on a provision that limits any and all state-required testing to no more than five percent of the hours students spend in school during the year.

The bill also requires the Department of Education to develop a uniform, two-year assessment calendar that is provided in advance to schools and parents and further requires that districts let parents know well in advance of the timing, purpose and nature of tests.

The bill reduces, from 50 percent to 33 percent, the portion of a teacher's performance evaluations that are based on student performance and ensures that any teacher evaluation tied to student performance is based solely on students that the teacher has in her or his class or course.

After tracking the test administration problems which affected the 2015 Florida Standards Assessment (FSA), I included a provision establishing an independent, outside evaluation of the validity of the student performance data arising from this year's tests. In other words, FSA results cannot be used to affect student promotion or retention, teacher evaluation or school grades unless those results have been verified as reliable by a nationally-reputed authority independent of the FSA testing vendor and not affiliated with the Department of Education.

The legislation also ensures that any costs districts have incurred as a result of delays or difficulties associated with testing are to be paid by the testing company and reimbursed to the districts. Districts that have experienced significant technical difficulties with this year's testing can ask the State Board of Education to grant a waiver from FSA results.

As Education Appropriations Chairman in the Senate, I joined with sponsor Senator John Legg and Senator Bill Montford in developing this bi-partisan legislation. It passed both the Senate and House and was signed into law by the Governor.

(Unfortunately, the House's early adjournment left on the table a provision authored by Representative Matt Gaetz-- ensuring that students who miss 25 days or more of school would not have their performance counted in teachers' evaluations. If they're not in school, it's unfair to hold their teachers responsible for students' results.)

Improving Hazardous Walking Conditions Senate Bill 154/House Bill 41

Named in memory of 12 year old Gabby Mair who was fatally struck by a car after getting off at her school bus stop, *Gabby's Law for Student Safety* requires district school boards and government agencies including counties and cities to work together to determine, and if needed, correct hazardous walking conditions for students who walk to and from school.

Sponsored by Senator Alan Hays, I supported this legislation, which is now waiting to be signed by Governor Scott.

Relief for Military Members and Retirees

in Acquiring Florida Drivers' Licenses
Senate Bill 240/House Bill 27

Under the Real ID Act passed by Congress in 2005, all US citizens are required to provide several forms of identification to acquire a state's driver license including proof of a social security card. To military personnel and retirees, many of whom have top security clearances, this Act of Congress is offensive and unnecessary.

This state legislation allows the use of a military ID instead of a Social Security card in applying for or renewing a Florida Driver License. Because of federal mandates, all Florida residents must still provide proof of residence when acquiring a license.

This legislation originated in the House, sponsored by Representative Matt Gaetz. I joined Senator Jeff Brandes, an Iraqi war combat veteran, in sponsoring the Senate companion. If approved by the Governor, this bill will take effect on July 1, 2015.

Ensuring Ballot Access for Overseas Military
Senate Bill 184/House Bill 109

This legislation makes it easier for military service members overseas and Americans living abroad to vote and be sure that their votes are counted. The bill allows the use of a federal write-in absentee ballot for all federal, state and local elections.

Representative Matt Gaetz sponsored this bill in the House. I joined Senator Greg Evers in sponsoring it in the Senate. It awaits the Governor's signature.

Protecting the Identity of Military Families
From Radical Islamists and Other Terrorists
Senate Bill 674/House Bill 185

Florida's public records laws, intended to open government to all citizens, created an unintended consequence endangering families of our former and active military families. Radical Islamists have issued a call to acquire and publish the personal information of our military members and their families in order to target them here in the United States.

This legislation provides an exemption from public records disclosure for the identification and location of any military members and their families who served after September 11, 2001.

Representative Matt Gaetz is the sponsor of this legislation, which I supported. The bill is on the Governor's desk.

Expanding Educational Opportunities for Veterans' Families
Senate Bill 7028/House Bill 35

During the 2014 session, the Legislature passed the Florida GI Bill, a joint priority of mine and Speaker Will Weatherford. One of the provisions established the Congressman C.W. "Bill" Young Veteran Tuition Waiver Program, whereby honorably discharged veterans living in Florida would receive reduced tuition at state educational institutions.

This year, the Legislature expanded that program to allow a veteran's spouse or the child of a

service member who reside in Florida to receive reduced tuition benefits, as well.

I was privileged to receive the C.W. "Bill" Young Military Support Award from the Florida National Guard for the Florida GI Bill and related legislation.

This legislation awaits the Governor's signature.

Promoting Adoption of Hard-to-place Children in Foster Care Senate Bill 320/House Bill 7013

There are 852 adoptable children in state foster care today. These are children whose own parents have abandoned, mistreated or abused them to such an extreme that the courts have severed their parental rights. Seventy percent of these children have been waiting more than a year for someone to adopt them. Three fourths of them are "special needs" – meaning they are disabled, have serious medical conditions or are older.

This legislation provides one-time financial assistance to families willing to provide permanent, loving homes for these children. The bill also institutes an incentive program for community-based agencies to move more children from foster care to adoption. The bill strikes down a state policy that discriminates against home-schooling families. The House of Representatives added a provision that codifies a Court of Appeals ruling which declared unconstitutional a 1977 ban on same sex adoptions.

Further, this bill requires the Department of Children and Families to follow up on children adopted from the state's foster care system to offer support and guidance to adoptive parents. The bill also requires private adoption agencies to follow U.S. State Department standards and the Hague Convention to guard against international adoptions being fronts for child trafficking.

This bill, which I sponsored, awaits approval by the Governor.

Recognizing Rights of Grandparents Senate Bill 368/House Bill 149

The Florida Supreme Court has declared unconstitutional existing Florida Statute 752 which allowed grandparents and great-grandparents to petition the court for visiting rights with their minor grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

This legislation seeks to remedy the unconstitutional language and, insofar as possible, recognize visitation rights. I supported this bill sponsored by Senator Joe Abruzzo.

24 Hour Waiting Period for Abortions Senate Bill 724/House Bill 633

There are waiting periods in law to get married or to get divorced, both of which are actions that can be reversed. This legislation provides for a 24 hour waiting period for an abortion, an action which, of course, cannot be reversed. It further requires that physicians performing abortions be physically present when a consent for abortion is obtained from a patient.

Representative Matt Gaetz co-sponsored the House bill. I joined Senator Anitere Flores in co-

sponsoring the Senate bill. It awaits the Governor's signature.

**Consumer Protection for Seniors
Residing in Assisted Living Facilities
Senate Bill 382/House Bill 1001**

For three years, Senator Eleanor Sobel has championed legislation to address serious mismanagement issues within some Assisted Living Facilities. Each year, a bill protecting seniors residing in ALF's passed the Senate only to die in the House. This year, her bill passed both chambers.

This legislation strengthens consumer regulations governing ALF's, increases fines for licensure violations, provides for regular inspections, institutes tight oversight of facilities with violations and establishes a website where the public can learn about ALF's and their records of performance.

I was pleased to co-sponsor this bill with Senator Sobel. It is now on the Governor's desk.

**ABLE Act to Help Families with Disabilities
Senate Bill 642/House Bill 935**

To ease the financial strain faced by individuals with disabilities, this legislation creates the *Florida Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act* to authorize tax-free savings accounts to be made available to cover qualified expenses.

The ABLE Act will allow an individual with a disability that occurred before the age of 26 to save up to \$100,000 for their future needs in a tax free account without jeopardizing state and federal benefits. These funds can then be used for expenses like education, housing, transportation, employment support or health and wellness, enabling the individual to have a higher level of economic independence.

I supported this legislation, sponsored by Senator Lizbeth Benacquisto, which is now in the Governor's hands.

**Patient Notification of Health Care Coverage
Senate Bill 768/House Bill 309**

Once this bill is signed into law, hospitals will be required to notify patients when they are placed on "observation status" meaning they are considered an outpatient rather than an inpatient.

Previously, hospitals were not required to inform a patient when their status changed, which in many cases, caused higher costs not covered by insurance, increasing the patient's liability. With this legislation, hospitals are mandated to give patients notice when their inpatient status changes and therefore when their insurance coverage may be different.

I sponsored this bill which has now gone to the Governor.

**Providing Online Voter Registration
Senate Bill 228/House Bill 7143**

This legislation allows Florida residents to join the residents of 20 other states who can register to vote online. This isn't online voting, but it does allow online registration as an alternative to filling out a paper application. Broadly supported by the state's elected supervisors of elections, the bill directs the Florida Department of State to develop and implement online voter registration by October 1, 2017.

This bill, approved by the Governor, was sponsored by Senator Jeff Clemens. I supported the legislation.

Ensuring 2nd Amendment Rights During Disasters Senate Bill 290/House Bill 493

This legislation allows a person leaving their home under an evacuation order during a state of emergency to bring their firearms or weapons to a safe place outside the evacuation zone.

Representative Matt Gaetz joined in sponsoring this bill in the House. I supported this legislation sponsored by Senator Jeff Brandes. The Governor has the bill.

Local Government Pension Reform Senate Bill 172/House Bill 341

The Collins Center at Florida State University reports that most local government pension plans are under-funded or even insolvent. This puts in jeopardy the retirement benefits promised to our first responders and others who have faithfully served our communities.

This legislation ensures that tax revenues are responsibly used to provide benefits through fiscally solvent plans reflecting employees' service and their duties.

The bill motivates stakeholders to mutually consent to the use of premium tax revenues to fund the retirement plans of police and firefighters. The legislation contains a method for distributing premium tax revenue that is dependent on a pension plan's funded status, triggered only when an agreement between the parties cannot be achieved through the collective bargaining process. In addition, the bill allows those communities which have already come to an agreement on the use of insurance premium tax revenue consistent with previous interpretations of the law to continue that arrangement.

The bill requires local governments to use accurate and consistent actuarial tables in calculating how much funding needs to be set aside for pensions.

This bill, which I co-sponsored with Senators Brandes and Jeremy Ring, has been sent to Governor Scott.

Bills That Didn't Pass, but Should Have:

Listed below are some of the bills I sponsored, co-sponsored or supported which passed the Senate and were left at the doorstep of the House of Representatives when that chamber adjourned:

Personal Learning Scholarships for "Uniquely Abled" Children

Senate Bill 602

This legislation was the lynchpin of President Andy Gardiner's historic initiative on behalf of children with what he calls "unique abilities." Under this bill, families with children three years of age and older who were diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, muscular dystrophy, spina bifida, down syndrome, an intellectual disability, Prader-Willi syndrome, and Williams syndrome would be eligible for a \$10,000 lifetime benefit. This benefit could be used for educational services and therapies designed to help the child develop, become more independent and more employable.

The legislation would have made Florida the nation's leader in helping families get early intervention, effective treatment and customized education and training for children with developmental disabilities.

I sponsored this bill at President Gardiner's request. It passed the Senate unanimously. The House passed a version of the bill, which included a provision that would have diverted millions of dollars away from disabled children's benefits to a "scholarship funding organization" as a transaction or handling fee. The Senate stripped that special interest item out of the bill and sent it back to the House, where it died.

Protecting Environmental Resources Senate Bill 918

As part of Senate President Andy Gardiner and House Speaker Steve Crisafulli's WorkPlan 2015, this legislation established a statewide water and natural resources strategy. The bill implemented Amendment 1 from the 2014 general election ballot to conserve environmentally sensitive land and protect and improve our water resources.

This bill provided greater public access to state-owned lands, preserved the health of Florida's springs, and increased transparency in allocating funding to water resource development projects. The bill would have created funding for many water conservation and water management projects in Northwest Florida.

This legislation, which I supported, passed the Senate, but died in the House.

Improving Dental Care in Rural and Underserved Areas Senate Bill 606

This legislation established dental care access grants to rural communities and other parts of the state with severe shortages of dental care. The state would pay \$3 for every \$1 in local support to help new dentists get established in underserved areas. In return for assistance toward paying off their dental school loans and setting up dental clinics, these newly-graduated dentists would contract to providing years of service to communities and high-poverty populations that now have inadequate dental services.

This bill, which I sponsored, passed the Senate, but died in the House.

Mental Health and Substance Abuse Senate Bill 7068

Every year, devastating reports fill the media with stories of school shootings and other tragedies due to mental health and substance abuse issues. Although government cannot stop tragedy, we can do a better job of providing treatment and services to those who struggle with mental illness or substance abuse.

This legislation reformed the delivery of mental health and substance abuse services and provided additional funding to community behavioral health clinics. The legislation set deadlines for state and local health agencies to develop a uniformed plan to better deliver care and make more efficient use of resources. The bill also redirected behavioral health managing entities and state agencies to work collaboratively with service providers in their regions to improve coordination of care.

This bill, which I supported, died in the House.

**“Right Medicine, Right Time Act”
Senate Bill 784/Senate Bill 614**

This legislation would have given physicians more control, and insurance companies less control over what medicines and treatments are appropriate for patient care. Currently, HMO’s and insurers can force patients to “fail first” using remedies approved by the insurance company before they are covered for drugs or treatments considered more medically effective by their physicians.

This bill would have required insurers to show that “fail first” strategies are clinically sufficient; if not, doctors could order what patients need to manage or cure their medical conditions.

Using the right medicine at the right time has been proven in other states to be clinically more effective and adds no cost to health care premiums. The bill was vehemently opposed by the insurance industry and strongly supported by the public.

This bill, which I sponsored, passed all Senate committees either as a “stand alone” bill or as part of Senator Denise Grimsley’s larger health care initiative and was awaiting action on the Senate floor when the House abruptly adjourned. The House had not considered the bill in any committee.

**Local Government Accountability and Ethics
Senate Bill 1372**

Negatively inspired by the Okaloosa TDC scandal, this bill aimed to clean-up good ol’ boy practices and wink-and-nudge government by establishing more open government and better fiscal behavior by school districts, charter schools, colleges and universities, public hospitals, regional transportation authorities, state boards and commissions, public/private partnerships like Enterprise Florida, water management districts, tourist development boards and county and city governments.

Among many other ethics provisions, this bill slammed shut a side door that had allowed local officials to set up artificial entities to indirectly do business with the government boards on which they serve. The bill required local governments to implement codes of ethics, act on findings of the Auditor General, strengthen public disclosure of budgetary matters and

disclose who is lobbying public bodies for contracts or funding.

This bill, which I sponsored, passed the Senate and died in the House.

Corrections Reform Senate Bill 7020

As a product of the Senate Criminal Justice Committee's investigation of the state's prison system, this legislation made significant changes to Florida's corrections agencies and institutions

One of the many important features of the bill was creation of an independent oversight commission to investigate, review and remedy inmate safety concerns and deal with what sponsor Senator Greg Evers found to be pervasive, systemic corruption and cover-ups within the Florida Department of Corrections.

This legislation required inspector generals to have specialized training in sexual abuse investigation and strengthened the inmate grievance process. Among other requirements, the bill required each institution to create and maintain a system to track "use of force" incidents and required "use of force" reports written by employees to be under oath.

SB 7020 also increased penalties for employees who willfully abuse inmates by creating a new third degree felony for DOC employees who neglect an elderly or disabled inmate.

This bill, which I supported, passed the Senate, but died in the House.

Greyhound Racing Injuries Senate Bill 2

This legislation would have required dog tracks to report injuries to racing dogs instead of covering up the often cruel treatment of these animals. The Senate honored my wife, Vicky, by naming the bill in her honor. Vicky is a life-long champion of animal welfare. (She's supported, provided vet care, spayed or neutered or found homes for hundreds of dogs, cats and horses in Northwest Florida.)

The bill unanimously passed the Senate with all senators joining as co-sponsors. The bill died in the House without ever being considered in any House committee.

For More Info....

If you would like more information on any of the bills mentioned in this newsletter or any other bill considered in 2015 or if you wish to check the voting record of Senator Gaetz or any other senator or representative, please visit one of the following websites:

- www.flsenate.gov
- www.myfloridahouse.gov

Personal Note...

For the last 9 years, you have allowed me the opportunity to represent Northwest Florida in

the Senate. I have cherished every moment. It is a high honor and great personal privilege to serve you.

Please know, my door is always open in our district offices in Panama City and Destin and our Tallahassee office in the State Capitol. Your concerns, criticisms, suggestions and guidance help me be a better senator for Northwest Florida. Vicky and I are deeply grateful for your trust and your many kindnesses.

Respectfully,



Senator Don Gaetz

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Cc: [McDougal, Kim](#); ashley.spicola@eog.myflorida.com
Subject: Open Letter to Governor Rick Scott
Date: Thursday, June 1, 2017 9:14:38 AM
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Sincerely,
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May 18, 2017

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Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 10:24:12 AM
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Good Morning Ms. McDougal,

Please find the attached letter urging Governor Scott to oppose HB 7069. We are sending this in the mail as well but wanted to share it electronically as this is time sensitive.

Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

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May 9, 2017

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Dear Governor Scott:

On behalf of Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) students, teachers and administrators, I want to express my gratitude for your unwavering support for public education. We applaud your efforts to fight for Florida's future and bring the State of Florida closer to the national average in per-student funding with a historic investment in education in your proposed budget. We are now asking that you continue to support our students by opposing HB 7069.

The impact of this conforming bill will devastate K-12 education statewide, with additional negative consequences for families, and won't be beneficial for Florida's Future. Although there are positive aspects of this legislation, including teacher bonuses and streamlined assessments, the boundless ramifications outweigh any positive outcomes that may surface.

This bill will force BCPS to share more than 10 percent of millage after deducting debt services. BCPS has more than \$2 Billion in critical maintenance needs and this bill would further defer our ability to address these projects. The Legislature must find a new revenue source for charter school capital improvement.

The language in this conforming bill regarding Title I will impact the District's ability to target funding for research-based initiatives such as reading, math, and science coaches for our most fragile schools.

Under this bill, any terms or conditions of a proposed charter contract that differ from the standard charter contract adopted by rule of the State Board of Education shall be presumed a limitation on charter school flexibility. Without the ability to negotiate, the contract becomes a rule, and this limits school boards' ability to negotiate.

This bill requires 20 minutes of recess every day for grades K-5 in traditional public schools, while charter schools are not subjected to this mandate.

"Schools of Hope" removes the School Board's constitutional authority to manage schools and limits parents' choice to send their children to community schools.

Thank you for your continued support for public education. Please continue to support high-quality education by opposing this bill. We must invest in our public schools and teachers in order to ensure that every child has access to an equitable, high-quality public school education.

Warm Regards,

Robert W. Runcie
Superintendent of Schools

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Subject: Orange County School Board and Superintendent Letter to Governor Rick Scott
Date: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 2:36:13 PM
Attachments: [Orange County Public Schools Letter on HB 7069 and Budget.pdf](#)

Dear Governor Scott,

Good afternoon. The attached document is a letter signed by the school board members of Orange County and Superintendent, Barbara Jenkins in support of your veto on HB 7069 and the FEFP portion of the General Appropriations Act.

Thank you for your leadership and support of our students.

Best regards,
Codeye J. Woody

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May 17, 2017

The Honorable Rick Scott
Executive Office of the Governor
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Dear Governor Scott:

On May 8, 2017, the Legislature passed the 2017-18 fiscal year budget and HB 7069, the K-12 education appropriations conforming bill. We respectfully urge you to veto HB 7069 and the Florida Education Finance Program ("FEFP") portion of the General Appropriations Act.

Despite having a budget surplus in Florida, the funding contained in the FEFP represents an inadequate average increase statewide of \$24.49 (or a 0.34%) per student. This level of funding does not begin to address the basic educational services we are tasked with providing our students. Increases in the overall education budget are a direct result of increased student enrollment of which a substantial portion will be needed to fund state mandated increases in the Florida Retirement System contributions.

In addition, legislators have proposed a cut to the Base Student Allocation ("BSA") of \$27.07 per student, which results in funding less than it was ten years ago. These cuts not only affect the educational services for our students but they may also affect our ability to provide raises for our hard working teachers.

Instead of providing the necessary funding increases for all public schools, the Legislature has created "Schools of Hope" which provides \$140 million in additional funding for the program, and only permits 25 traditional public schools in the state to participate. Additionally, the Legislature is providing \$214 million in teacher "bonuses", not raises, for certain teachers through the Best and Brightest program. If both of these funds were instead redirected to the FEFP, it would result in an overall statewide increase in funding of \$354 million. This would mean our school district would receive an additional \$25 million (2.2% increase in per student funding) to deliver basic educational services and provide teachers meaningful raises, instead of a "one-time" bonus.

In addition to the decrease in the BSA, HB 7069 would also remove school district discretion on spending of Title I funds, which would have dire implications for our most vulnerable students experiencing poverty. District-wide services such as summer reading programs, summer tutoring, additional learning time and parental engagement programs would be negatively impacted and potentially eliminated. Moreover, the limitations imposed in HB 7069 will limit the work and stall the progress that has been made by our School Transformation Office ("STO") through turnaround efforts with our lowest performing schools.

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Furthermore, HB 7069 contains a provision requiring school districts to share their 1.5 millage capital outlay dollars with charter schools. This funding is critically important to a high student growth school districts such as Orange County where there is a desperate need to address increased enrollment. If HB 7069 is signed into law, our school district will have to redirect funds from locally generated property taxes for traditional public schools to charter schools on a per student basis, not based on need. Continued reduction in capital millage and dwindling amounts of PECO funds will jeopardize our ability to provide maintenance to our 188 schools.

For the aforementioned reasons, we respectfully request that you veto HB 7069 and the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) portion of the General Appropriations Act. Thank you for your consideration and for your service to the citizens of Florida.

Sincerely,

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From: Greg Chaboud
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Date: Friday, April 25, 2012 3:11:41 PM

Friends:

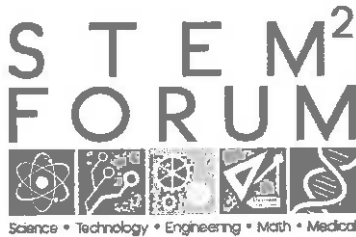
We are getting close to our first regional STEM² Forum, which will be held from 1 – 5 p.m. Monday, May 11 at the Herbert University Center on UNF's campus. I truly would like you to attend part or all of the forum if possible. Below are a few details about the agenda.

Frederick H. Hess is our education keynote speaker. Hess, Director of Education Policy Studies at the *American Enterprise Institute*, is an educator, political scientist and author. Hess studies K-12 and higher education issues. His books include "Cage-Busting Leadership." Hess argues that only teachers ultimately have the power to make their schools great, but they need to get school leaders and policymakers on their side. Hess's book features stories of teachers who have taken their place at the vanguard of school and system transformation. A former high school social studies teacher, he teaches or has taught at the University of Virginia, the University of Pennsylvania, Georgetown University, Rice University and Harvard University.

Cameron Wilson, COO & VP of Government Affairs at Code.org is our business keynote speaker. Wilson was previously Director of Public Policy for the Association for Computing Machinery. In 2010, he launched the Computing in the Core coalition to bring attention to K-12 computer science education. At Code.org he manages operations (school district outreach, professional development workshops), as well as government affairs and policy work.

Dean Mark A. Turney, PhD, JD, PE, Dean of the College of Computing, Engineering and Construction at University of North Florida will review the State of STEM² Report for our region. Dean Turney will be followed by two panels featuring critical regional stakeholders of STEM² education and business as they have a rigorous discussion on the essential missing elements to accelerate the growth of STEM² education and careers in our region.

Be sure to register this week. I look forward to seeing you on May 11.



Monday, May 11, 2015

1-5 p.m.

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Subject: PLEASE JOIN GARY CHARTRAND, CHAIR OF THE FLORIDA BOARD OF EDUCATION, TO LEARN ,DISCUSS, & DEBATE OUR STEM
ECONOMY IN NE FLORIDA
Date: Friday, March 27, 2015 3:53:52 PM

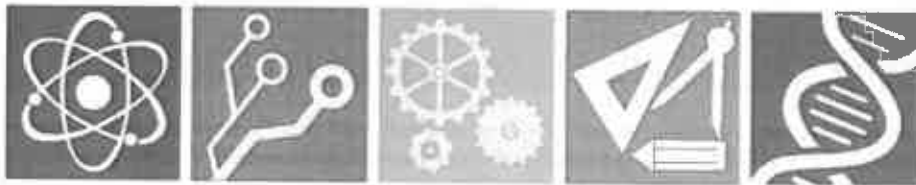
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Subject: PLEASE JOIN GARY CHARTERS, CHAIR OF THE FLORIDA BOARD OF EDUCATION, TO LEARN, DISCUSS, & DEBATE OUR STEM ECONOMY IN NE FLORIDA
Date: Wednesday, April 9, 2015 11:49:21 AM

Friends:

I am delighted to announce **Frederick H. Hess**, Director of Education Policy Studies at the **American Enterprise Institute**, will join us as our education keynote to discuss his new book "The Cage-Busting Teacher." We only have limited seating and next week we open the forum to the general public. Please confirm the seat I have reserved from you as soon as possible.

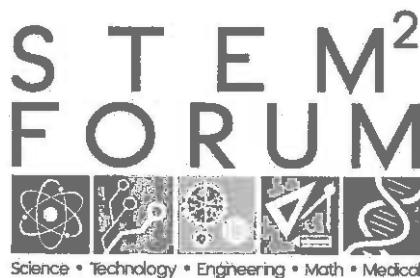
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From: Spencer Allen Pylant
To: [Spicola, Ashley](#); [Young, Brandi](#); [Vildostequi, Cody](#)
Cc: [McDougal, Kim](#); [Raymond E. Gadd](#); [Linda Cobbe](#)
Subject: Pasco County Schools - HB 7069 and SB 2500 Feedback
Date: Monday, May 15, 2017 12:17:43 PM
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[Analysis of 2017-2018 Budget.pdf](#)
[HB 7069 Title I Impact.xlsx](#)

Ashley, Brandi, and Cody,

Thank you so much for taking time to visit with myself and other districts regarding HB 7069 (Best and Brightest) and the education portion of SB 2500 (GAA). It was greatly appreciated. Please see attached for the following documents:

- Education Funding Impact
 - Pasco - Budget Analysis: anticipated \$8,735,505 short-fall
 - Pasco - Title I Analysis: anticipated \$1,835,000 programming and 47.1 positions cut
- HB 7069 and SB 2500 Articles by Pasco County Schools or mentioning Pasco County Schools:
 - 05/05/17 *Tampa Bay Times* – Pasco County superintendent lends voice to opposition of proposed Florida Education budget
 - 05/05/17 *Tampa Bay Times* Op-ed – Pasco school superintendent: The Legislature's spending plan will drastically shortchange our students
 - 05/08/17 *Tampa Bay Times* – Pasco County school district begins assessing cuts ahead of state budget vote
 - 05/12/17 *Tampa Bay Times* – Editorial: Gov. Rick Scott should veto efforts to starve public schools
 - 05/13/17 *Tampa Bay Times* – Proposed Florida law would steer federal money away from poor students, districts say

Thank you again for your time and consideration. If you have any questions, or need any further explanation, please let me know.

Best regards,

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**DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY
ANALYSIS OF 2017-2018
AS OF MAY 4, 2017**

NEW DOLLARS AVAILABLE 2017-2018	11,735,797
LESS: CATEGORICALS	
Instructional Materials, Safe Schools, Reading Allocation, Virtual Education, Digital Classroom, School Recognition Categoricals and Teachers Classroom Supply Assistance	(874,961)
TOTAL CATEGORICALS	(874,961)
LESS FIXED COSTS:	
Growth - Teachers for New Students this Year (61)	3,639,208
Charter School Enrollment - Projected Increase 977 FTE's	4,861,385
New School Openings (Elem, Middle/High)	2,510,646
Retirement Increase from 7.52% to 7.91% Estimate	1,479,200
Allocations & Programs	2,330,054
Non-recurring Revenue	2,175,848
McKay Scholarship Enrollment - Pending	150,000
Insurance Benefits - Pending	2,150,000
Utilities - Pending	300,000
Property Insurance - Pending	-
TOTAL FIXED COSTS:	19,596,341
TOTAL REMAINING FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR USE	(8,735,505)

In order to balance the FY 17-18 budget, the District will have to cut the equivalent of at least 146 District-wide positions. Services and support to our students will be reduced and most likely the District would not be able to comply with Class Size Requirements.

Attachment HB 7069 Title I Impact.xlsx (35773 Bytes) cannot be converted to PDF format.

From: Mike Castellano
To: [McDougal, Kim](#)
Subject: Pass HB 7069
Date: Monday, May 15, 2017 6:23:50 PM

I implore you to pass House Bill 7069. My children attended the City of Pembroke Pines Charter School from K-12. This is a top rated municipally run and operated Charter system that boasts 99% college acceptance rate and one who outperforms their counterparts by 50% and higher.

For almost 20 years they have provided students and families with a world class education, even providing for the needs of autistic students by opening a center for Autism. All this for a fraction of the cost and at a fraction given to county run schools.

The sad news is, even though they offer more services, at a better rate, out performing the traditional public schools, the system almost shut down three years ago for lack of funding! THIS IS AN OUTRAGE.

Schools such as these should be funded equitably, fairly, at the same rate as all traditional Public Schools get funded!

I pay taxes.... My money should follow my child.

HB 7069 Keeps the Playing Field equal. Our Charter system depends on it. DO NOT TURN YOUR BACK ON EQUAL FUNDING FOR CHARTERS.

From: Gary Chartrand
Cc: Gary Chartrand; Kendrick, Wanyonyi (Wanyonyi.Kendrick@jaxusa.org); Karen Muse
Subject: Please Join Me at the STEMM Forum Hosted by the UNF
Date: Thursday, March 19, 2015 1:00:14 PM

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Subject: Please read...
Date: Thursday, April 20, 2017 2:09:18 PM

Everyone:

This piece, in tomorrow's New York Times, is worth reading. Underscores the power of genuine quality in child care settings.

Thanks.

Dave

Working Families

How Child Care Enriches Mothers, and Especially the Sons They Raise

As many American parents know, hiring care for young children during the workday is punishingly expensive, costing the typical family about a third of its income. Helping parents pay for that care would be expensive for society, too. Yet recent studies show that of any policy aimed to help struggling families, aid for high-quality care has the biggest economic payoff for parents and their children — and even their grandchildren. It has the biggest positive effect on women's employment and pay. It's especially helpful for low-income families, because it can propel generations of children toward increased earnings, better jobs, improved health, more education and decreased criminal activity as adults. Affordable care for children under 5, long a goal of Democrats, is now being championed by Ivanka Trump.

The Department of Health and Human Services says child care should cost 7 percent of a family's income at most — but 42 percent of families who buy care for young children spend considerably more than that, according to census data analyzed by Beth Mattingly at the University of New Hampshire. A report by New America and Care.com put the average cost of child care in the United States at \$16,514 a year.

It's children with parents who can least afford high-quality care who benefit most from it, research has found. That is because affluent children have better alternatives. For well-off children, some studies have linked day care, especially low-quality care early in life, to achievement and behavior problems.

A powerful new study — which demonstrated long-term results by following children from birth until age 35 — found that high-quality care during the earliest years can influence

whether both mothers and children born into disadvantage lead more successful lives. The study was led by James J. Heckman, a Nobel laureate economist at the University of Chicago. “They’re engaged more in the work force, they’re now active participants of society, they’re more educated, they have higher skills,” Mr. Heckman said. “So what we’ve done is promoted mobility across generations.”

The study analyzed two well-known experimental programs in North Carolina, which offered free, full-time care to low-income children age 8 weeks to 5 years, most of whom were black and lived with a single mother. The children in the control group were at home or in lower-quality programs.

The mothers of those in the experimental program earned more when the children were in preschool, and the difference was still there two decades later.

When the boys reached age 30, they earned an average of \$19,800 more a year than those in the control group and had half a year more education. (The small sample size — 37 boys in the programs who stayed in the study — means the difference was not very precisely estimated.) When the girls reached 30, they had two more years of education and earned about \$2,500 more, the study found.

In their mid-30s, men who attended the program were 33 percent less likely to be drug users, had fewer misdemeanor arrests and were less likely to have high blood pressure.

The conclusion that boys benefited more than girls meshes with other research findings that boys are more sensitive to disadvantage and responsive to intervention.

The program was expensive — \$18,514 per student a year — but after calculating effects like the cost to society of unemployment, crime and poor health, the researchers concluded that it returned \$7.30 for every dollar spent. In addition to Mr. Heckman, the researchers were Jorge Luis García of the University of Chicago and Duncan Ermini Leaf and María José Prados of the University of Southern California.

High-quality preschool showed multigenerational benefits in another new study, which traced nearly one million children in Denmark until old age. Children who attended the high-quality programs had slightly more years of schooling and an increased likelihood of living beyond 65 — and their children also got more education.

Child care assistance was also shown to help working families in a study that compared various policies in 22 industrialized countries. More than parental leave or flexible schedules, it was government spending on early childhood care and education that had the single biggest effect on boosting women’s employment, earnings and fertility rate and on decreasing gender pay gaps.

One reason: It helps women work, while other policies help them take breaks from work, according to the authors, Claudia Olivetti of Boston College and Barbara Petrongolo of Queen Mary University of London. “Making it easier to be a working mother mattered most,” Ms. Olivetti said. “There is a higher premium for careers from staying in the market.”

The study found the United States spends 0.4 percent of G.D.P. on child care, the lowest level among industrialized countries and half the average. Low-income parents piece together state and federal assistance, including tax credits, Head Start and block grants to states, which don’t reach everyone who needs help.

When Jasmin Cross had her first son, Sebastian, now 3, she enrolled in community college so she would “be able to get a good-paying job and be able to provide for my family.” She and her partner, who earns about \$35,000 a year, couldn’t afford full-time child care. So she worked as a waitress on weekends and went to school part time, paying \$600 a month for care two days a week. After the arrival of their second son, Vyvyan, now 2, they could not afford even part-time child care.

“Families are just not able to succeed the way that it’s set up,” said Ms. Cross, who is 35 and lives in Portland, Ore.

She found out about a Head Start school on the college's campus, one of the few free early childhood programs for low-income families. Both boys now attend full time, and Ms. Cross, who is studying accounting, plans to earn her bachelor's in three years.

While politicians across the board say they want to help working families, there are great differences over how. Liberals have proposed free public programs for children under 5 or capping child care expenses. Conservatives have suggested expanding the existing child care tax credit. Some policy makers say the best outcome would give more parents flexibility to stay home.

President Trump's proposal, advanced by his daughter, would deduct the average cost of child care from parents' income taxes and would include stay-at-home parents. The income limits would be \$500,000 jointly or \$250,000 individually. He also suggested child-care-spending rebates for families not qualifying for a deduction, and expanding pretax dependent care savings accounts.

Yet the aid he has proposed pales next to the actual cost of care. According to the Tax Policy Center, it would increase the after-tax income of families with children by an average of 0.2 percent, or \$190. For families with incomes below \$40,000, the annual savings would be \$20 or less.

From: Mary Feichthaler
To: McDougal, Kim; Spicola, Ashley
Subject: Please sign HB 7069 into Law
Date: Sunday, May 21, 2017 7:11:25 PM

Governor Scott,

My husband, Former Mayor Feichthaler, and I are republicans who live in Cape Coral, Florida. Eric was a proponent of expanding the Cape Coral City Charter Schools while he was mayor. Our schools are amazing and regularly outperform the other Lee County Schools. Our children have achieved recognition including being one of the top 100 Florida students on the National Geographic Bee Exam and qualifying for the National Finals of the National History Bee.

We are writing to you to request that you sign into law HB7069 to provide funding for charter schools through the sharing of the capital millage with the school districts to ensure that Title 1 funds flow directly to charter schools to provide additional services that our students deserve. Our schools need this money, and the Lee County School District has never given one cent to our schools. Our schools desperately need and deserve these funds. Our schools have a requirement of 30 volunteer hours per family, so our schools tend to have a very supportive administrative and professional staff. We hope that you will sign the bill into law so that our schools can continue to make Florida students achieve great things. Thank you so much for your support!

Kind regards,

Mayor Eric Feichthaler and Mrs. Mary Feichthaler

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From: BARRY
To: [McDougal, Kim](#)
Subject: Please support HB 7069
Date: Sunday, May 14, 2017 3:02:55 PM

Dear Ms. McDougal,

My name is Barry Gwinn. I am the secretary of the Goodland Civic Association, in Goodland, FL. I also write for the Coastal Breeze News and write numerous articles about Marco Island Academy, our only high school on Marco Island. I am also a contributor to the school. I am personally aware of how MIA has to raise an average of \$500,000 annually in private donations just to keep their doors open. Chairman Jane Watt and the MIA school board spend a good deal of their time raising money for this purpose. I have been following this situation closely. HB 7069 will finally level the playing field for public charter school students in Florida. More importantly, it will mean an additional \$200,000 in state funding for MIA, decreasing the time needed to raise money and allowing more attention to be spent on the actual education of our kids. I'm sure this could also be said of many of our Florida charter schools.

Please support this bill. Charter school parents pay taxes too.

Thank you.

With kindest regards,

Barry Gwinn
374 Angler Dr.
Goodland, FL 34140-0806

From: W. Scott Rhinehart
To: [McDougal, Kim](#)
Subject: Please support HB 7069
Date: Saturday, May 13, 2017 11:43:57 AM

Dear Ms. McDougal --

My name is W. Scott Rhinehart and I am a member of the Marco Island Academy Leadership Team.

School choice has a definite place in Florida education with financial support to ensure its existence. Marco Island Academy, as a public charter high school, performs in the top 2% in the nation, but does not receive a continuous flow of funding for operations or facilities.

We never stop fund raising to support the essential maintenance required to simply maintain our facilities, much less the expansion needs. HB 7069 would provide the equitable funding **needed** for capital requirements.

W. Scott Rhinehart
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From: sarazen@mindspring.com
To: McDougal, Kim
Subject: Please support HB 7069
Date: Friday, May 12, 2017 2:20:18 PM

Dear Ms. McDougal

We are strong supporters of Marco Island Academy
and I serve on their Leadership Team.

Am asking you to please support HB7069

thank you

Mary Ann Sarazen

Pres of Gene & Mary Sarazen Foundation

From: Medwedeff, Rick
To: McDougal, Kim
Subject: Please support HB 7069
Date: Friday, May 12, 2017 1:47:02 PM

Dear Ms. McDougal

My name is Rick Medwedeff and I serve on the Marco Island Academy Leadership Team. I have personally supported the school financially and through service.

Marco Island Academy, a public charter high school performs in the top 2% in the nation, but does not receive adequate funding for facilities or operations. HB7069 can provide the additional assistance the school needs by providing a stable, equitable funding source for capital outlay.

Please help our students by supporting HB 7069.

Best regards,

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From: Tiffany Matthews
To: McDougal, Kim
Subject: Please support HB 7069
Date: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 9:27:06 AM

Dear Ms. McDougal,

My name is Tiffany Matthews and my child attends Marco Island Academy, a public charter high school that performs in the top 2% in the nation. However, our school does not receive adequate funding for facilities or operations. HB 7069 can provide the additional assistance the school needs by providing a stable, equitable funding source for capital outlay.

Please help our students by supporting HB 7069.

Best regards,

Tiffany Matthews
262 Leawood Circle
Naples, FL 34104

From: Daniel Cook
To: [McDougal, Kim](#)
Subject: Please support HB7069
Date: Thursday, May 18, 2017 2:42:11 PM

Please support HB 7069

Dear Ms. Kim McDougal,

My name is Mr. Daniel Cook and I am a **social studies Instructor at Marco Island Academy**, a public charter high school that performs in the top 2% in the nation. However, our school does not receive adequate funding for facilities or operations. HB 7069 can provide the additional assistance the school needs by providing a stable, equitable funding source for capital outlay.

Please help my school and our students by supporting HB 7069. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Best regards,

Mr. Daniel J. Cook

Department of Social Sciences
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34145

From: Schutz, Jackie
To: _Press
Cc: Sunburst
Subject: Pls News Alert
Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2015 11:04:00 AM

From: Media
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2015 10:03 AM
To: Tupps, John; Wyland, Kerri; Schutz, Jackie; Lawson, Stephen; Edwards, Nathan; Bustamante, Jeri; Schenone, Lauren; Dickerson, Currie; Lattanze, Clare; Manley, Courtney; Molinari, Brittany
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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION VOTES UNANIMOUSLY TO CONTINUE TO CHAMPION HISTORIC PER-STUDENT FUNDING DURING THE SPECIAL SESSION

Bunnell, Fla., May 20, 2015 – Today, the State Board of Education voted unanimously to support Governor Rick Scott's proposal to achieve historic per-student funding for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year. The Florida Legislature called for a Special Session to establish a budget and the Board requests that the Legislature includes this in their budget.

Education Commissioner Pam Stewart said, "As we approach the 2015 Special Session, it would be remiss of me if I did not mention that I believe the most critical component is incorporating Governor Scott's proposal to increase Florida's per-student funding to historic levels. I know that our districts are good stewards of our taxpayer dollars and will be able to make meaningful use of these additional funds to improve student outcomes. I am proud that there is unanimous support among the Board for this important funding for our schools."

State Board Chair Gary Chartrand said, "Florida is one of the largest states in the nation, and I know that some of the best and brightest minds are sitting in classrooms throughout the state. Educators can make all the difference in the life of a struggling student, but they must have the necessary resources. I am optimistic that our students' tremendous success in recent years will compel the Florida Legislature to allocate record per-student funding."

State Board Vice Chair John R. Padgett said, "Florida's economic future is linked to today's education priorities. I'm anticipating and hoping that the Legislature will deliver the highest per-pupil funding for Florida's students, guaranteeing a vibrant future for Florida's economy."

State Board Member Marva Johnson said, "All Florida families should have access to a quality education that prepares their daughters and sons for successful futures and builds a world class work force for businesses in our state. With 2.7 million students in more than 4,200 K-12 public schools throughout the state, the Florida Legislature has a tremendous opportunity to make an investment that will impact every single Floridian."

State Board Member John A. Colón said, "Each child, youth and young adult I encountered along the way has reaffirmed my belief that our state's children possess endless potential. We must make every effort to ensure we provide our state's schools with the resources they need to help their students set and reach goals that will keep

them on a path to success. It is in that vein that I respectfully request the Legislature honor Governor Scott's request to fund Florida's education system at historic levels."

State Board Member Rebecca Fishman Lipsey said, "Our state's most valuable asset is our children, and we have a responsibility to ensure they are prepared to achieve academic and career success. I urge the Florida Legislature to stand up for our students and teachers during the 2015 Special Session by reaching historic per-student funding for Florida's education system."

State Board Member Michael Olenick said, "The students in today's classrooms will soon be joining the workforce, and it is essential they have the skills necessary to thrive in a global economy. We must do everything in our power to remain on this path that has greatly benefited Florida's families, and I strongly believe that achieving historic per-pupil funding for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year is the right choice for the people of Florida."

State Board Member Andy Tuck said, "As a parent, I have helped my children on their academic journeys and I have been incredibly grateful that they have access to a world-class education system in our great state, and I know I am not alone in wanting the very best for my children. By investing record amounts in our state's education system, the Florida Legislature has an opportunity to ensure all of our state's teachers and schools have the resources they need to prepare Florida's students for success in college, career and in life. As a longtime resident of Highlands County, I know the impact will be particularly valuable for rural counties."

For more information about the historic per-pupil funding proposal, click [here](#).

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From: Dodge, Wendy
To: Spicola, Ashley; McDougal, Kim
Cc: Byrd, Jacqueline; School Board Members - All Staff
Subject: Polk Board and Superintendent Veto Request to Governor Scott
Date: Friday, May 12, 2017 11:54:10 AM
Attachments: Polk Board Supt Letter to Gov Scott.pdf

Attached please find our letter from the Polk County School Board Chair and Superintendent requesting a veto of HB 7069 and the budget.

Your assistance in getting this before Governor Scott would be greatly appreciated.

We have also mailed a hard copy.

Happy Mother's Day, Ashley!

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Rick Scott
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Dear Governor Scott,

On behalf of the Polk County School Board and Superintendent, please accept this letter as our plea to you for a veto of the education budget passed by the legislature in SB 2500 and of HB 7069, the education conforming bill.

The Polk County School District has supported your continued efforts to increase per pupil spending, including this year's request for a 3 percent increase, as the means to fulfill our mission of providing a high quality education for all of our students. This budget jeopardizes our ability to fulfill that mission by cutting the base student allocation; the only means districts like ours have to ensure we can continue to meet payroll, keep our schools operating and safe, and meet state expectations for student achievement in every school. While we are the 7th largest district in the state, our district cost differential continues to fall. When combined with below state average millage collections, this has left us 64th out of 67 districts in per pupil funding.

The additional \$2.4 million allocated to Polk over last year's funding will easily be eaten up by our growth of 500 students and a requirement to fund a retirement rate increase passed on by the legislature that will cost an additional \$1.4 million. Our total increased costs over last year are \$5.1 million, leaving us \$2.7 million in the red to serve our 101,500 students. This budget puts over 80 positions at risk or forces us to cut important programs and services for students in order to protect those jobs. As the largest employer in Polk County, our economic success is tied to other business sectors in our community and any financial recession will have a mushrooming effect.

There are a multitude of provisions contained within HB 7069 that will magnify the impact of the \$8 cut per student Polk will receive as a result of the budget. The changes to Title I alone put an additional 110 positions at risk of being reduced or eliminated, including academic coaches, curriculum specialists and paraprofessionals supporting our neediest students. Parent engagement resources, family literacy and programs that provide support for school improvement at low performing schools will

be decimated by a dilution of funding and a policy that removes the district's ability to focus taxpayer provided funds where the need is greatest. Funds will be further diluted under this bill when charter management companies become additional Local Education Agencies and begin funding additional administration and duplicative programs for their own schools.

While small bonuses are provided for teachers, the number of teachers statewide exceeds the funding provided and ensures a proration down to a much smaller number. Our Polk County teachers need and deserve raises that will count towards their retirement. The costs of providing for a family continue to rise, and unless their pay does also, teachers find it challenging to participate in a growing economy.

Sharing capital outlay with charters schools further depletes our limited resources to support our traditional school facilities. Our 5-year work plan documents \$904,602,669 in need for maintenance, renovation and new construction of facilities and an additional \$56,417,733 in technology, transportation and building maintenance needs. When all funding sources are combined, we have about \$68.1 million per year to put towards this deficit. Any policy that further depletes available resources impacts our ability to provide students with a safe and steady environment in which to learn. Polk County is continually faced with fending off charter applicants who want to build unnecessary facilities in areas of the county where there is no need for additional student stations. This policy will serve to exacerbate that trend and force Florida's taxpayers to fund multiple buildings aimed at serving the same students, while still on the hook for building facilities in areas of great need.

And finally, HB 7069 purports to offer "up to" \$2000 per student for "up to" 25 of the lowest performing schools in the state, should their application be approved by the State Board as one of the strongest in providing additional supports and wraparound services to the school's student population. Sir, allow us to assure you that if our district could afford to, we'd be doing that right now. To fund only 25 schools knowing there are 115 in need of these additional services is preposterous. Poor districts like Polk will be in no position to compete with richer districts and outside operators' private funding for these spots, thereby compounding the challenges these schools face. This policy is a charade designed to trick us into thinking traditional public schools will have additional funding for their neediest students.

When the facts above are taken as a whole, we are confident you will see the wisdom in vetoing the education portion of the budget or the entire budget, as well as HB 7069. Please send the legislature back to Tallahassee to craft a budget that funds the education and other economic priorities you have long held and outlined for them.

We thank you for your consideration of our respectful request for these vetoes and for your service to the citizens of Florida.

Most sincerely,



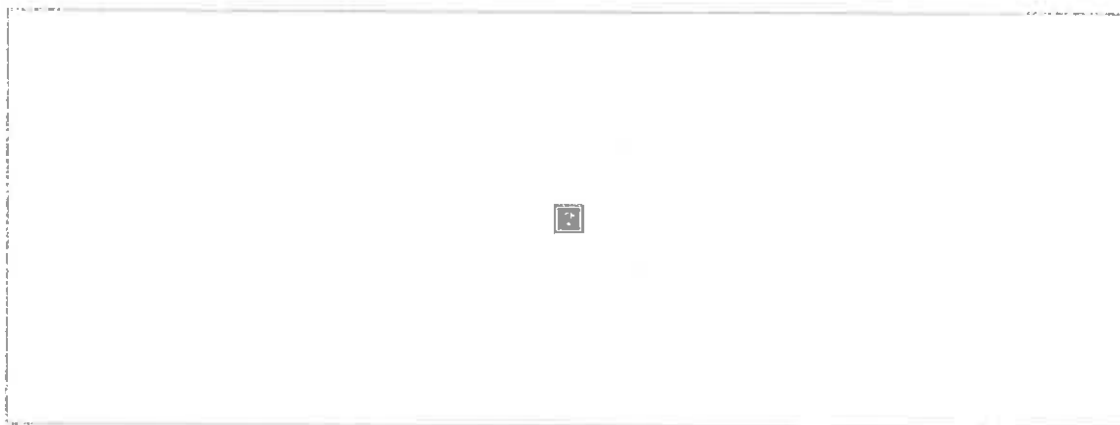
Kay Fields
Board Chair



Jacqueline M. Byrd
Superintendent of Schools

From: Florida Association of School Administrators
To: McDougal, Kim
Subject: Protect Our Schools: Ask Gov. Scott to VETO HB7069 Now
Date: Thursday, June 1, 2017 11:35:29 AM

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We need all 11,000 school administrators and their families to call the Governor NOW

Supporters of HB 7069, especially voucher and charter schools, have ramped up an organized effort to inundate the Governor with their support. FASA needs every administrator, their families and friends to contact Governor Scott, and let him know our side. The superintendents' association and school boards' association are also working hard to get a VETO of HB 7069. They want our massive support for their effort.

We need every administrator in the state to contact the Governor and make your voice heard. Please share and encourage your colleagues to do the same.

We asked for his veto because: 1) the Legislature did not follow procedures and, 2) HB 7069 will hurt children, education and the State of Florida.

FASA needs you to immediately submit a request asking the Governor to VETO HB 7069. Go to his website or call his office. Use the link below to email him. In the subject line, enter "Please veto HB 7069". There is room for a short message. Briefly share how this bill will be harmful to your school, students and profession.

Any or all of these bullets are valid:

- HB 7069 removes cost-efficient measures for federal Title I dollars to support programs and replaces them with an inefficient funding design reducing services

- for students; and/or
- HB 7069 creates additional disparity in funding between charter and traditional schools. The act will discriminate against children in traditional public schools; and/or
- HB 7069 weakens the procedures established in "Florida's Government in the Sunshine." This damages citizen confidence in Florida Government.

Email Contact: <http://www.flgov.com/contact-gov-scott/email-the-governor/>

Phone Number: (850) 717-9337: If you call the Governor's Office tell them who you are and where you live. Tell them you want the Governor to VETO HB 7069 using any of the bullets listed above.

TAKE ONE MINUTE AND CONTACT THE GOVERNOR NOW!!

Thank you so much for your consideration of this request and for your efforts in this endeavor.

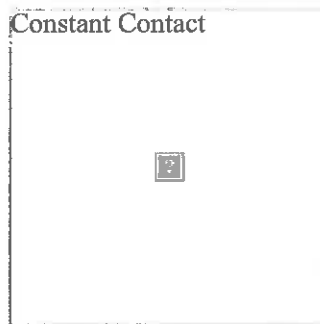


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From: Jessica Bakeman
To: Schutz, Jackie; Schenone, Lauren
Subject: Question on calls from Floridians
Date: Monday, May 15, 2017 9:12:09 AM

Do you guys have a tally of how many people have called or emailed or contacted the governor somehow to ask him to veto or sign HB 7069? What about the budget, specifically because of education issues?

Thank you,

Jessica

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From: Bustamante, Jeri
To: Schutz, Jackie
Subject: RE: DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION: INDEPENDENT REVIEW CONFIRMS FLORIDA STANDARDS ASSESSMENT IS VALID
Date: Tuesday, September 1, 2015 9:00:55 AM

Will do

From: Schutz, Jackie
Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2015 8:59 AM
To: Bustamante, Jeri
Cc: Sunburst
Subject: FW: DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION: INDEPENDENT REVIEW CONFIRMS FLORIDA STANDARDS ASSESSMENT IS VALID

FYI – please show him

From: News Alerts
Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2015 8:39 AM
Subject: DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION: INDEPENDENT REVIEW CONFIRMS FLORIDA STANDARDS ASSESSMENT IS VALID

From: DOEPressOffice
Sent: Tuesday, September 1, 2015 8:35:03 AM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)
Subject: DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION: INDEPENDENT REVIEW CONFIRMS FLORIDA STANDARDS ASSESSMENT IS VALID



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~ Commissioner Stewart moving forward with appropriate use of test results ~

Tallahassee, Fla., September 1, 2015 – Today, the Department of Education announced that Alpine Testing Solutions, the company contracted to conduct a validity study on the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA), confirmed the FSA is an accurate way to measure Florida's students' mastery of the standards. The report goes on to say that the results can be used for group-level decisions, so the department is moving forward with those activities, which include calculating school grades, calculating scores for inclusion in teacher evaluations and setting achievement level cut scores.

- During the spring administration of the FSA, 3.2 million tests were completed successfully. More computer-based statewide assessments were completed this year than last year – approximately 2.4 million computer-based tests were completed this year, an increase over the 1.7 million that were completed last year.
- Safeguards were put in place to mitigate the impact of cyber-attack attempts made against American Institutes for Research (AIR), the company responsible for administering the FSA. The safeguards were effective, evidenced by the fact that students were not impacted by cyber-attack attempts that occurred after the first week.
- No personally identifiable student information was accessed during the aforementioned cyber-attacks.

Education Commissioner Pam Stewart said, "I want to thank Alpine Testing Solutions for their report. We are committed to ensuring that all Florida students are prepared for college or career, and I am pleased that this third-party study confirmed our confidence in Florida's statewide assessments.

"We are proud to have strong relationships with our school districts, and we will continue working closely with them

throughout the school year. Because one student interrupted due to administration issues during testing is too many, we have remained engaged with AIR to prevent future technical issues and further enhance students' experiences. This three-pronged partnership among school districts, AIR and the department is essential to make sure future testing goes smoothly."

At the beginning of the testing windows, some students who were taking computer-based tests experienced technical difficulties, primarily related to difficulty logging in. It was determined that the majority of the issues were the result of cyber-attacks and glitches with AIR system updates. Commissioner Stewart led the department's efforts to address the issues and remained in constant contact with AIR to prevent future occurrences. In response to the cyber-attacks, she requested the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to launch an investigation, which is ongoing. Additionally, the department's assessment team was available around the clock to provide assistance to school districts.

During the 2015 Legislative Session, HB 7069 was passed by the Legislature and called for an independent third-party review of the 2014-2015 FSA prior to the release of school grades. The law called for the Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives to each designate an individual to compose the three-person panel for the purpose of selecting an entity to review the FSA. The panel selected Alpine Testing Solutions, which worked in partnership with edCount, LLC.

On August, 31, 2015, the Department of Education received the final report, which included the following conclusions.

- The report found that in the Evaluation of Test Items; Evaluation of Field Testing; Evaluation of Test Blueprint and Construction; Evaluation of Test Administration; Evaluation of Scaling, Equating, and Scoring; and Evaluation of Specific Psychometric Validity Questions, the policies and procedures that were followed are generally consistent with expected practices as described in the textbook *Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing* and other key sources that define best practices in the testing industry.
- **Use of FSA Scores for Student-Level Decision Purposes:** When evaluating the use of FSA scores for student-level decision purposes, the report noted that the scores for students taking computer-based tests should not be used as a sole determinant for purposes such as promotion or graduation eligibility. In Florida, statewide standardized test scores are never the sole determinant of these decisions. Therefore, students who earned a passing score, even though they were impacted, are still considered to have met the assessment graduation requirement. Those students who did not earn a passing score will still have the opportunity to retake the test or meet the requirement through other approved assessments.
- **Use of FSA Scores for Group-Level Decision Purposes:** When evaluating the use of FSA scores for group-level decision purposes, such as calculating scores for inclusion in teacher evaluations, calculating school grades and setting achievement level cut scores, the report noted that the evidence supports the use of these data in the aggregate for both paper-based and computer-based assessments. Therefore, the results will be used for group-level decisions, such as calculating scores for inclusion in teacher evaluations, calculating school grades, and setting achievement level cut scores.

To read the executive summary, click [here](#).

To read the full report, click [here](#).

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From: Schutz, Jackie
To: [Schenone, Lauren](#)
Cc: [Bustamante, Jeri](#); [Sunburst](#)
Subject: RE: DRAFT 5 22 17 QA
Date: Sunday, May 21, 2017 6:25:00 PM

See below

From: Schenone, Lauren
Sent: Sunday, May 21, 2017 3:22 PM
To: Schutz, Jackie <Jackie.Schutz@eog.myflorida.com>
Cc: Bustamante, Jeri <Jeri.Bustamante@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: Re: DRAFT 5 22 17 QA

What I wrote before is what the Governor said on Friday. Here's something new. Let me know what other updates would improve it -

Q: What do you think of school children being offered extra credit to write letters to you in support of HB 7069?

-  I don't know the details about any of that. However, it is important that people are involved in government and let all of us know their thoughts. It is their tax dollars after all.
-  When it comes to this bill, I am reviewing it.

Q: But do you agree with those superintendents who say this level of funding is insufficient?

Funding for K-12 is VERY important to me. I am proud that I have proposed record funding for K-12 throughout my time as Governor while also fighting for pay raises for our teachers.

Our economy is doing great- our revenues and surpluses are up and increasing funding for education at all levels is crucial.

I will be going through the budget and make the best decision for families in our state.

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From: Schutz, Jackie
Sent: Sunday, May 21, 2017 2:52:43 PM
To: Schenone, Lauren
Cc: Bustamante, Jeri
Subject: Re: DRAFT 5 22 17 QA

1 and 3 need to be reworked

Jackie Schutz

On May 21, 2017, at 1:53 PM, Schenone, Lauren <Lauren.Schenone@eog.myflorida.com> wrote:

DRAFT

Q: What do you think of school children being offered extra credit to write letters to you in support of HB 7069?

- I don't know the details on that but I think everyone across the state should be involved in the process.

Q: School superintendents have written to you to voice concern with the education budget. Will you listen to them and veto the education budget and/or HB 7096?

- I am reviewing my options on both of those.

Q: But do you agree with those superintendents who say this level of funding is insufficient?

- I included record funding for education in my budget recommendations and I am disappointed that the legislature did not do the same.

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From: Schutz, Jackie
To: [Schenone, Lauren](#)
Cc: [Sunburst](#)
Subject: RE: FTU: Duval school leaders say education bill will decimate schools; want Scott veto
Date: Monday, May 8, 2017 3:29:00 PM

We will review it

From: Schenone, Lauren
Sent: Monday, May 08, 2017 3:26 PM
To: Schutz, Jackie <Jackie.Schutz@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: FW: FTU: Duval school leaders say education bill will decimate schools; want Scott veto

Denise Amos	FTU	Will the Gov. veto HB 7069?	859-992-1016 904-359-4083 deniseamos@jacksonville.com
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DEADLINE: Now - my initial email bounced back and I did not see. We have a no comment

DRAFT RESPONSE: We have not received the bill. Governor Scott will review any legislation that makes it to his desk.

From: News Alerts
Sent: Monday, May 08, 2017 3:23 PM
Subject: FTU: Duval school leaders say education bill will decimate schools; want Scott veto

Duval school leaders say education bill will decimate schools; want Scott veto
Florida Times Union
Denise Amos
May 8, 2017

Leaders of Duval County Public schools urged voters Monday to call on Gov. Rick Scott to veto the entire state budget bill because provisions in it may drastically cut public school funding, programs and even whole schools in Jacksonville.

These changes, they said, will add to charter school coffers while “decimating” regular public schools and sharply undercutting local authority by elected School Boards.

Superintendent Nikolia Vitti, along with several School Board members and Duval Teachers United President Terrie Brady, called a series of last-minute additions made to an education “train” bill late last Friday night a sign of corruption in Tallahassee. The measures, they said, will largely benefit charter schools while harming many poor students and the public schools which serve them.

"This bill is about power and corruption," Vitti said. "It's about anti-public accountability and anti-public schools. It will radically and negatively transform funding streams, infrastructure and systems of support for public schools."

Vitti said House Bill 7069 would force the closure of three Duval County middle schools at first, then 20 more schools later. It also would cut or reduce the district's ability to pay for various programs to help poor or academically struggling students, such as graduation coaches, mentoring and tutoring, and field trips.

It also would prevent the district from building two new schools in the Oceanway and St. Johns Town Center areas, while the bill would drastically cut money for maintaining school buildings, said Board member Rebecca Couch.

Finally, it would funnel more students and money to charter schools, which will be even less regulated and monitored, thanks to the bill.

For instance, Vitti said, charter schools won't have to hire licensed teachers.

Ironically, the measure called "Schools of Hope" has prompted a chorus of consternation and objections from school district leader and educators around the state over the weekend.

Legislators, some of whom have family ties to charter schools, have said they want to expand school choice options for parents and make the playing field more fair for charter schools. They point out that the measure targets schools with one F, two D's, or anything less than a C for three years straight for closure.

State representatives and senators representing Duval, as well as education leaders in both legislative branches, were unavailable for comment Monday afternoon because many were voting on the bill.

Vitti said he expected the bill to pass and that his last hope is for Scott to veto it. He admitted that it's rare for a Florida governor to veto an entire budget.

But Duval Board Chair Paula Wright said Scott has in the past come to Duval's rescue, halting the closure of four other schools six years ago, for instance. "Governor Scott, we need your help one more time," she said.

Scott did not return a call seeking comment Monday afternoon.

Without a veto, Ribault Middle, Fort Caroline Middle and Matthew Gilbert Middle could be forced to close or turned over to charter management, Vitti said. The bill doesn't spell out when, whether it's next year or later, or whether these schools would be "grandfathered" in under current school improvement rules, he said.

Duval schools had been planning to build a new auditorium for Fort Caroline, which is becoming an arts magnet like LaVilla, but Vitti said that's in doubt.

Wright said school closures could start a domino effect in the district, leading to more students boarding buses to cross town to attend school, more overcrowding at some schools, and dwindling enrollments for some high schools and elementary schools.

Meanwhile the bill also would give \$200 million to charter school operators to open

“schools of hope” within five miles of those closed schools.

Locally-elected school board members would have almost no influence over those charter schools, Couch said, so it's unclear if these schools of hope would be forced to serve all the students whose schools closed.

More financially devastating to Duval Schools would be two major changes to funding streams for the district in the bill, Vitti said.

Currently, federal Title 1 money is earmarked for schools serving large numbers of poor students. Districts like Duval often pool those funds to pay for district-wide programs benefiting many schools, including charter and private schools, which have Title 1 students.

The bill would change that, directing most Title 1 money directly to schools rather than the district, so charter schools would get more cash directly.

Vitti says that means Duval won't be able to afford to offer some critical services, such as City Year's mentoring and tutoring, Communities in Schools' services for over-aged students, the graduation coaches for Title 1 high schools, and field trips for children least likely to visit museums and local attractions.

The district also won't have money to continue paying performance incentives to attract and keep high-performing teachers in struggling schools, he said.

The bill also would slice tens of millions of dollars from Duval's local property tax revenue which pays for capital expenditures — such as new school construction, repairs and maintenance — and directs it to charter schools.

That money could end up spent on leases and improvements for privately-owned buildings, Couch said, so if a charter school closes, the building owner keeps the improvements but taxpayers get little or nothing back. She said four charter schools closed in Jacksonville in the past 18 months .

Less capital funding for Duval Schools means an already \$100 million major maintenance and repair backlog will grow, Couch said, and schools won't get needed roofs, new flooring or other things which lengthen the life of Duval's school buildings, most of which are 50 years old or older.

On the other hand, the bill would allow charter schools to open in all kinds of buildings, not just school buildings, she said, potentially circumvent zoning laws, adding to traffic congestion.

From: Postal, Leslie
To: Schutz, Jackie
Subject: RE: Gov. Scott Signs Legislation to Reduce Tests
Date: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 11:08:05 AM

Thanks. Got it!

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From: Schutz, Jackie [mailto:Jackie.Schutz@eog.myflorida.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 10:42 AM
To: Postal, Leslie
Cc: Sunburst
Subject: FW: Gov. Scott Signs Legislation to Reduce Tests

From: Governor's Press Office
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 10:37 AM
Subject: Gov. Scott Signs Legislation to Reduce Tests



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 14, 2015

CONTACT: GOVERNOR'S PRESS OFFICE
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media@eog.myflorida.com

Gov. Scott Signs Legislation to Reduce Tests

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Today, Governor Rick Scott signed House Bill 7069, which reduces the amount of tests Florida students take.

Governor Scott said, "This legislation reduces the number of tests our students take, including the 11th grade English Language Arts test that we eliminated this year through an Executive Order in February. I agree with many teachers and parents who say we have too many tests, and while this legislation is a great step forward, we will

keep working to make sure Florida students are not over tested.

"This legislation also improves our teacher evaluation system, which will ensure we have the best teachers in our classrooms. I want to thank Senator Legg and Representative O'Toole for championing this legislation and I applaud the Florida Legislature for quickly putting it into law to better serve our students."

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From: Schenone, Lauren
To: Schutz, Jackie
Subject: RE: HB 7069
Date: Monday, May 8, 2017 7:51:37 PM

I reached out to FL times union with We will review it. earlier. I will do the same here

From: Clark, Kristen [mailto:kclark@miamiherald.com]
Sent: Monday, May 08, 2017 7:30 PM
To: Schutz, Jackie <Jackie.Schutz@eog.myflorida.com>
Cc: Bustamante, Jeri <Jeri.Bustamante@eog.myflorida.com>; Schenone, Lauren <Lauren.Schenone@eog.myflorida.com>; Lewis, McKinley <Mckinley.Lewis@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: HB 7069

Hi, Jackie:

I expect I know the response... :)

But, how will Gov. Scott act on HB 7069? And does he want to comment on the bill and how it came together so last minute?

Sen. Latvala seemed to indicate earlier today that a veto was probable....

~Kristen

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From: Schutz, Jackie
To: Collins, Meghan
Cc: Sunburst; Sunburst
Subject: RE: Have any op-eds run?
Date: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 11:39:55 AM

Thanks – please forward them along when they post.

From: Collins, Meghan [mailto:Meghan.Collins@fldoe.org]
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 11:31 AM
To: Schutz, Jackie
Cc: Sunburst
Subject: RE: Have any op-eds run?

The Orlando Sentinel will run the chair's (Marca Johnson) oped tomorrow.

From: Collins, Meghan
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 9:57 AM
To: 'Schutz, Jackie'
Cc: 'Sunburst'
Subject: RE: Have any op-eds run?

Mr. Padgett's ran in the Key West Citizen: <http://keysnews.com/node/66981>.

From: Collins, Meghan
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 8:48 AM
To: 'Schutz, Jackie'
Cc: Sunburst
Subject: RE: Have any op-eds run?

Yes, see below. We received confirmation that John Paget's would run in the Miami Herald, but I haven't seen it yet. Looking into it and will update you.

1. Gary Chartrand in The Florida Times-Union: <http://jacksonville.com/opinion/letters-readers/2015-05-22/story/lead-letter-make-floridas-students-high-priority>

From: Schutz, Jackie [mailto:Jackie.Schutz@eog.myflorida.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 8:21 AM
To: Collins, Meghan
Cc: Sunburst
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From: Schutz, Jackie
To: Collins, Meghan
Cc: Sunburst; Sunburst
Subject: RE: Have any op-eds run?
Date: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 8:48:57 AM

Thanks

From: Collins, Meghan [mailto:Meghan.Collins@fldoe.org]
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From: Hebda, Kathy
To: McDougal, Kim; Spicola, Ashley
Subject: RE: Hot off the presses....
Date: Tuesday, September 15, 2015 10:33:32 PM

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From: McDougal, Kim
Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2015 9:12 PM
To: Hebda, Kathy; Spicola, Ashley
Subject: Fwd: Hot off the presses....

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From: Gary Chartrand <gchartrand@acosta.com>
Date: September 15, 2015 at 8:26:07 PM EDT
To: "kim.mcdougal@eog.myflorida.com" <kim.mcdougal@eog.myflorida.com>, "kim.mcdougal@lasphs.sl.us" <kim.mcdougal@lasphs.sl.us>, "Kim.mcdougal@lasphs.state.fl.us" <Kim.mcdougal@lasphs.state.fl.us>
Subject: FW: Hot off the presses....

Even the socialist understand how important it is to offer Computer science in all schools.

http://mobile.nytimes.com/2015/09/16/nyregion/de-blasio-to-announce-10-year-deadline-to-offer-computer-science-to-all-students.html?module=Notification&version=BreakingNews®ion=FixedTop&action=Click&contentCollection=BreakingNews&contentID=50796972&pgtype=Homepage&_r=0&referrer=

Governor Scott should take the lead here as did Arkansas Gov last year to insure all high schools OFFER CS. Not a course requirement just have it available. Look forward to our meeting.

http://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=1&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=0CCEOFjAAahUKewIE9uTxo_rHAhWIDZIKHULqAL4&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.educationnews.org%2Ftechnology%2Farkansas-hutchinson-signs-computer-science-bill%2F&usq=AFQjCNHIYU7gw_Kyal0ZWJ-kdibLonj8w&bym=by_102537793_d.aWw

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Excellence is never an accident. It is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, and intelligent execution; it represents the wise choice of many alternatives - choice, not chance, determines your destiny.

— Aristotle



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From: Bustamante, Jeri
To: Collins, Meghan; Schutz, Jackie
Subject: RE: Naples Daily: Year-end tests for Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry won't affect student grades
Date: Tuesday, May 19, 2015 8:30:02 PM

THANK YOU!

From: Collins, Meghan [mailto:Meghan.Collins@fldoe.org]
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2015 8:24 PM
To: Schutz, Jackie
Cc: Bustamante, Jeri
Subject: Re: Naples Daily: Year-end tests for Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry won't affect student grades

Sure thing.

Jeri - I'll forward y'all the memo that was sent to superintendents, but I think the takeaway is below.

The Department has provided school districts flexibility to determine how they will determine grades for end-of-course exams while the validity study mandated by HB 7069 is conducted.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 19, 2015, at 6:44 PM, Schutz, Jackie <Jackie.Schutz@eog.myflorida.com> wrote:

Jeri please get with Meg's on this for gov qa

Jackie Schutz

Begin forwarded message:

From: "News Alerts" <NewsAlerts@eog.myflorida.com>
Date: May 19, 2015 at 6:19:42 PM EDT
Subject: Naples Daily: Year-end tests for Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry won't affect student grades

Year-end tests for Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry won't affect student grades
Naples Daily News
Melhor Marie Leonor
May 19, 2015

Students' final grades will not be impacted by their scores on end-of-course tests for Algebra I, Algebra II and Geometry, Florida education officials have decided.

The decision comes on the heels of a Lee County School Board vote to untie year-end test scores from student grades, since test results will not be available until the tests are reviewed and validated, which could drag on until December.

Without the exemption, students in these courses would have been left with a grade of “incomplete” until the state turned over scores later this year. For students struggling in the course and uncertain of whether they’ll pass, it would have meant months of waiting.

In Collier County, students enrolled in the three math courses will have their grades calculated based on in-class exams and other typical coursework.

The exception only applies to students taking Algebra I, Algebra II and Geometry who took the state-mandated exam for the first time this year. It doesn’t apply to students retaking the Algebra I end-of-course exam, for example, because those exams are not up for validation. Those tests were provided by Pearson and were in use before the current school year’s new state-mandated tests and the tech meltdowns that came with the roll out.

Similarly, the 30 percent requirement will also still apply for students who took the Biology I, U.S. History and Civics exams. These tests are also not up for validation and scores are expected in June.

Department of Education officials were questioned by school officials from districts around the state on the topic and other test-related confusion at an Orlando conference in early May — the Florida Organization of Instructional Leaders.

“Superintendents from across the state have repeatedly expressed concerns about the new, untested assessments. This is why we asked for a delay in the implementation as well as a hold harmless provision for our students, teachers, and school grades,” said Collier Superintendent Kamela Patton.

In Lee, the decision to eliminate the 30 percent requirement still leaves the district in compliance limbo. When the board voted to eliminate the tie between test and course grades, they did so for all of end-of-course exams, not just math.

Board Chair Cathleen Morgan said in an interview Tuesday that the board will discuss its position at Tuesday’s board meeting.

"What we've got still hanging over our heads is Biology, U.S. History and Civics," Morgan said. "We'll have a big discussion Tuesday to see if any of us wish to consider."

Gov. Rick Scott last month signed into law the measure that included the test validation. A state committee is expected to choose a company to do the review by June 1. The company will have until Sept. 1 to complete the study and present its findings to state officials.

From: McDougal, Kim
To: [Whiddon, John](#)
Subject: RE: National Security Clearance Nomination
Date: Wednesday, March 30, 2016 4:07:25 PM
Attachments: [Mary Kim McDougal Nomination Form - Oct 2012.xls](#)

John,

Please see the attached completed nomination form.

Kim McDougal, Ph.D.
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From: Whiddon, John [<mailto:JohnWhiddon@fdle.state.fl.us>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2016 2:08 PM
To: Bop@eog.myflorida.com; McDougal, Kim <Kim.McDougal@eog.myflorida.com>; Maul, Wes <Wes.Maul@eog.myflorida.com>
Cc: Swearingen, Rick <rickswearingen@fdle.state.fl.us>
Subject: National Security Clearance Nomination
Importance: High

All, based on your roles with the Executive Office of the Governor, please find the attached nomination form. Please complete sections 2, 3, and 4 and return to me. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Below is some canned language based on your role for the justification section, please feel free to edit as you see fit.

"The applicant is the (YOUR TITLE) with the Executive Office of the Governor for the state of Florida and maintains contact with the governor as well as other cabinet positions regarding ongoing domestic security initiatives and potential incidents/events. Obtaining a national security clearance will enable this individual to attend and participate in classified intelligence briefings by DHS and other federal, state, and local stakeholders as well as fusion center personnel. In the course of fulfilling the duties and responsibilities the applicant will require a DHS "SECRET" level clearance to access DHS and other government agencies classified information."

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Attachment Mary Kim McDougal Nomination Form - Oct 2012.xls (85504 Bytes) cannot be converted to PDF format.

From: McDougal, Kim
To: "Dave Lawrence"
Subject: RE: Please help if you can...
Date: Friday, January 9, 2015 5:23:49 PM

From: Dave Lawrence [mailto:dlawrence@childreadiness.org]
Sent: Thursday, January 08, 2015 3:11 PM
To: McDougal, Kim; Gary Chartrand (gchartrand@acosta.com)
Subject: Please help if you can...

Kim/Gary:

Perhaps one or both of you could help.

Am told that the Governor and the Commissioner of Education are setting up a task force to review education policies in Florida. If so, would love to have an early education person on that task force, and would welcome being that person.

Thanks for whatever is possible.

Dave Lawrence

From: Schenone, Lauren
To: Schutz, Jackie
Subject: RE: one more thing...
Date: Thursday, May 18, 2017 10:30:49 AM

I called to walk her through it

From: Clark, Kristen [mailto:kclark@miamiherald.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2017 10:23 AM
To: Schenone, Lauren <Lauren.Schenone@eog.myflorida.com>
Cc: Schutz, Jackie <Jackie.Schutz@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: Re: one more thing...

This is perfect. Thank you so much, Lauren!

What does "petition signatures" refer to? Want to be clear on how its different from emails/letters/phone calls.

On Thu, May 18, 2017 at 10:20 AM, Schenone, Lauren
<Lauren.Schenone@eog.myflorida.com> wrote:

Hi Kristen,

Hope all is well! Working on SB 374 numbers for you.

My updated numbers on HB 7069 are below –
Phone: Support - 314, Oppose - 1039
Emails: Support - 319, Oppose - 3305
Letters: Support – 4, Oppose – 32
Petition Signatures: Support – 1188, Oppose – 1392

Additionally, responses generally to "education bill" and "education budget" are below-
Phone: Support - 22, Oppose - 186
Emails: Support - 0, Oppose - 870
Letters: Support – 0, Oppose – 0
Petition Signatures: Support – 0, Oppose – 0

Let me know if we can provide anything else that would be helpful.

Thanks,

Lauren Schenone
Press Secretary
Office of Governor Rick Scott
Lauren.Schenone@eog.myflorida.com
[850.717.9282](tel:850.717.9282)

From: Clark, Kristen [mailto:kclark@miamiherald.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2017 10:03 AM
To: Schutz, Jackie <Jackie.Schutz@eog.myflorida.com>
Cc: Schenone, Lauren <Lauren.Schenone@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: one more thing...

Hi, Jackie - forgot to mention on our call this a.m., if you have any calls/emails on SB 374, would love to know the numbers on those too.

Thanks!
~Kristen

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From: Bustamante, Jeri
To: "McGrory, Kathleen"; Schutz, Jackie; Tupps, John
Subject: RE: testing bill
Date: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 10:39:39 AM



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 14, 2015

CONTACT: GOVERNOR'S PRESS OFFICE
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media@eog.myflorida.com

Gov. Scott Signs Legislation to Reduce Tests

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Today, Governor Rick Scott signed House Bill 7069, which reduces the amount of tests Florida students take.

Governor Scott said, "This legislation reduces the number of tests our students take, including the 11th grade English Language Arts test that we eliminated this year through an Executive Order in February. I agree with many teachers and parents who say we have too many tests, and while this legislation is a great step forward, we will keep working to make sure Florida students are not over tested.

"This legislation also improves our teacher evaluation system, which will ensure we have the best teachers in our classrooms. I want to thank Senator Legg and Representative O'Toole for championing this legislation and I applaud the Florida Legislature for quickly putting it into law to better serve our students."

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From: McGrory, Kathleen [mailto:kmcgrory@miamiherald.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 10:37 AM
To: Schutz, Jackie; Tupps, John; Bustamante, Jeri
Subject: testing bill

Hey all,

Hearing that the governor signed the testing bill. Is that so? Do you guys have a statement?

Kind regards,
Kat

Kathleen McGrory

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From: Postal, Leslie
To: Schutz, Jackie
Subject: RE: testing bill/ HB 7069
Date: Friday, April 10, 2015 5:19:17 PM

Thanks.

Leslie Postal
Education reporter
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From: Schutz, Jackie [mailto:Jackie.Schutz@eog.myflorida.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2015 6:06 PM
To: Postal, Leslie
Subject: Re: testing bill/ HB 7069

Not yet but will keep you posted

Jackie Schutz

On Apr 9, 2015, at 3:23 PM, Postal, Leslie <LPostal@orlandosentinel.com> wrote:

Hi Jackie. Has Gov. Scott said whether he will sign the bill? I know he has urged reduction in testing in schools. Just wanted to check. Thanks,

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From: Schenone, Lauren
To: Schutz, Jackie
Cc: Bustamante, Jeri
Subject: Re: DRAFT 5 22 17 QA
Date: Sunday, May 21, 2017 3:22:08 PM

What I wrote before is what the Governor said on Friday. Here's something new. Let me know what other updates would improve it -

Q: What do you think of school children being offered extra credit to write letters to you in support of HB 7069?

- I want to hear from people across the state on this issue and everyone is free to call my office. As I've said, I'm reviewing the bill.

This is similar to what the Governor said when asked about it prior to sine die in pcola and was approved.

Q: But do you agree with those superintendents who say this level of funding is insufficient?

- I included record funding for education in my budget recommendations. I'm reviewing both of those bills.

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From: Schutz, Jackie
Sent: Sunday, May 21, 2017 2:52:43 PM
To: Schenone, Lauren
Cc: Bustamante, Jeri
Subject: Re: DRAFT 5 22 17 QA

1 and 3 need to be reworked

Jackie Schutz

On May 21, 2017, at 1:53 PM, Schenone, Lauren <Lauren.Schenone@eog.myflorida.com> wrote:

DRAFT

Q: What do you think of school children being offered extra credit to write letters to you in support of HB 7069?

- I don't know the details on that but I think everyone across the state should be involved in the process.

Q: School superintendents have written to you to voice concern with the education budget. Will you listen to them and veto the education

budget and/or HB 7096?

- I am reviewing my options on both of those.

Q: But do you agree with those superintendents who say this level of funding is insufficient?

- I included record funding for education in my budget recommendations and I am disappointed that the legislature did not do the same.

<Qa 5 22 17.docx>

From: Nikki Sutton
To: Governor Rick Scott; McDougal, Kim; Spicola, Ashley
Subject: Re: FASP Urges Governor Scott to Veto HB 7069
Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017 5:13:41 PM
Attachments: HB 7069 Veto Letter - Governor Scott.pdf

Governor Scott,

Please see attached an update of the letter from the Florida Association of School Psychologists submitted on 5-19-17. Please accept my apology for the inconvenience.

Sincerely,

Nikki T. Sutton, Psy.D., M.A., NCSP
President
Florida Association of School Psychologists
www.fasp.org

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On Fri, May 19, 2017 at 10:25 AM, Nikki Sutton <fasppres@gmail.com> wrote:
Governor Scott,

Please see attached a letter on behalf of the Florida Association of School Psychologists (FASP) urging you to veto HB 7069. Thank you!

Nikki T. Sutton, Psy.D., M.A., NCSP
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From: [Piepenbrink, Brad](#)
To: srwise@att.net
Subject: Re: Governor appointments.
Date: Monday, February 16, 2015 3:26:54 PM

Hello Senator,

Of course, do you want to plan for 4:30pm tomorrow (Tuesday)?

Thanks!
Brad Piepenbrink

Sent from my iPhone

> On Feb 16, 2015, at 12:37 PM, Stephen Wise <srwise@att.net> wrote:
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>
> Stephen R. Wise

From: Stephen Wise
To: [Piepenbrink, Brad](#)
Subject: Re: Governor appointments.
Date: Monday, February 16, 2015 3:33:50 PM

Brad:

That time is great.. Thanks for providing a time for me.

Steve

Original message
From: "Piepenbrink, Brad" <Brad.Piepenbrink@eog.myflorida.com>
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To: Schutz, Jackie
Cc: Bustamante, Jeri; Schenone, Lauren; Lewis, McKinley
Subject: Re: HB 7069
Date: Monday, May 8, 2017 8:17:02 PM

;) Keep me posted (when you can) if there actually is a prospect of a veto.

On Mon, May 8, 2017 at 8:15 PM, Schutz, Jackie <Jackie.Schutz@eog.myflorida.com> wrote:

Yes we will be reviewing it!

Jackie Schutz

On May 8, 2017, at 7:30 PM, Clark, Kristen <kclark@miamiherald.com> wrote:

Hi, Jackie:

I expect I know the response... :)

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To: Schutz, Jackie
Cc: Bustamante, Jeri; Schenone, Lauren; Lewis, McKinley; Sunburst
Subject: Re: HB 7069
Date: Monday, May 15, 2017 4:27:55 PM

Thanks!

On Mon, May 15, 2017 at 4:26 PM, Schutz, Jackie <Jackie.Schutz@eog.myflorida.com> wrote:

No update

From: Clark, Kristen [mailto:kclark@miamiherald.com]
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 4:10 PM
To: Schutz, Jackie <Jackie.Schutz@eog.myflorida.com>
Cc: Bustamante, Jeri <Jeri.Bustamante@eog.myflorida.com>; Schenone, Lauren <Lauren.Schenone@eog.myflorida.com>; Lewis, McKinley <Mckinley.Lewis@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: Re: HB 7069

Hi, Jackie - I'm writing about a story about the calls for a veto of HB 7069. Just wanted to see if there was any update on your end from when we last talked a week ago?

Thanks,
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From: McDougal, Kim
To: [Gary Chartrand](#)
Subject: Re: KIPP reply to Cynthia Kelly letter, re: ROI
Date: Friday, July 31, 2015 4:53:40 PM

Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 31, 2015, at 3:37 PM, Gary Chartrand <gchartrand@acosta.com> wrote:

Thought this would be of interest to you. We need more KIPP schools in Florida not more charters in the suburbs.

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it represents the wise choice of many alternatives - choice, not chance, determines your destiny.**

— Aristotle

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<KIPP ROI reply 073015.pdf>

From: Tupps, John
To: LPostal@orlandosentinel.com
Cc: Collins, Meghan; Schutz, Jackie
Subject: Re: MEDIA ADVISORY - Florida Standards Assessment Review Selection Panel Meeting Notice
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2015 5:06:02 PM

Hey Leslie,

Here's more info -

<http://www.flgov.com/fl-standards-assessment-review-selection-panel/>

Sent from my iPhone

On May 14, 2015, at 2:41 PM, Schutz, Jackie <Jackie.Schutz@eog.myflorida.com> wrote:

Jackie Schutz

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Postal, Leslie" <LPostal@orlandosentinel.com>
Date: May 14, 2015 at 2:32:22 PM EDT
To: "Schutz, Jackie" <Jackie.Schutz@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: FW: MEDIA ADVISORY - Florida Standards Assessment Review Selection Panel Meeting Notice

Hi Jackie. Who is on this committee besides Dr. Joe Joyner?
Thanks,

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From: Governor's Press Office [<mailto:Governor'sPressOffice@eog.myflorida.com>]
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2015 2:03 PM
Subject: MEDIA ADVISORY - Florida Standards Assessment Review Selection Panel Meeting Notice

For Immediate Release
May 14, 2015

Contact: media@eog.myflorida.com
(850) 717-9282

MEDIA ADVISORY

Florida Standards Assessment Review Selection Panel

Meeting Notice

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — On Friday, May 15, 2015, the Florida Standards Review Selection Panel will be holding its first meeting via conference call.

CS/HB 7069, signed by Governor Scott on April 14, 2015, called for a three-person selection panel to choose a vendor to conduct a third party review of the 2014-2015 Florida Standards Assessment. The panel will hold an organizational meeting to discuss and adopt a scope of work for the review, a list of qualified entities, and a timeline for completion of the work. The panel must select an independent entity no later than June 1, 2015.

WHAT: Meeting

WHEN: Friday, May 15, 2015 at 8:00 AM

WHERE: Via Telephone: (877) 299-4502
 Passcode: 763 100 80 #

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From: Schutz, Jackie
To: [Schenone, Lauren](#)
Cc: [Lewis, McKinley](#); [Bustamante, Jeri](#); [Wyland, Kerri](#)
Subject: Re: Miami Herald: Floridians are weighing in on public schools bill. Most want a veto.
Date: Friday, May 19, 2017 9:04:01 AM

Yes

Jackie Schutz

On May 19, 2017, at 9:02 AM, Schenone, Lauren <Lauren.Schenone@eog.myflorida.com> wrote:

I'm calling Kristen to tell this-

"Due to manner in which these emails were sent and the security protocols protecting our email system, these messages were never received."

Jackie, you ok?

From: Schenone, Lauren
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2017 8:41 AM
To: [Lewis, McKinley](#) <Mckinley.Lewis@eog.myflorida.com>; Schutz, Jackie <Jackie.Schutz@eog.myflorida.com>
Cc: [Bustamante, Jeri](#) <Jeri.Bustamante@eog.myflorida.com>; [Wyland, Kerri](#) <Kerri.Wyland@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: Fwd: Miami Herald: Floridians are weighing in on public schools bill. Most want a veto.

She pointed this out late yesterday and I asked if I could look into it for her this morning. She said she could wait. Calling her and Lisa is looking into it

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From: News Alerts
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2017 8:03:57 AM
Subject: Miami Herald: Floridians are weighing in on public schools bill. Most want a veto.

Floridians are weighing in on public schools bill. Most want a veto.
Miami Herald
Kristen M. Clark
May 19, 2017

TALLAHASSEE - By a margin of at least 3-to-1 so far, Floridians are telling Gov. Rick Scott they want him to veto a controversial \$419 million K-12 public schools bill House Republicans pushed through at the end of session, according to information requested from Scott's office Thursday evening.

In the 10 days since lawmakers approved HB 7069, the state's Republican governor has been inundated with roughly 10,000 emails, phone calls, letters and petition signatures urging him to either sign or reject the bill.

Both sides have been vocal, but the cries from the opposition — advocates of traditional public school — have been greater in number so far, based on tallies provided by Scott's office.

However, a pro-school choice parental group affiliated with an organization that stands to benefit from HB 7069 says it has flooded Scott's office with thousands of emails in support of the bill — messages that appear to be unaccounted for.

The 3,000 emails the Florida Parent Network says it sent can't possibly have been reflected in the numbers provided to the Herald/Times by the governor's office. That presents the potential that the governor's office's raw numbers are an incomplete snapshot of the total public input Scott might be getting.

Among feedback that mentioned HB 7069, Scott's office told the Herald/Times it had received as of Thursday evening:

- **3,733 emails in opposition, compared to 423 in support — a nearly 9-to-1 margin against the bill and seeking a veto;**
- **1,103 phone calls opposed, compared to 333 in support — a 3-to-1 margin against;**
- **63 letters in favor, compared to 38 against — a less than 2-to-1 margin in support of the bill;**
- **and, a roughly similar number of individual signatures on organized online petitions, skewing in favor of the bill's proponents: 1,587 in support of HB 7069 versus 1,412 against.**

Among feedback in reference to the "education bill" and "education budget" more generally, the governor's office said it had received:

- **208 phone calls against the bill and/or budget, and 25 in support — an 8-to-1 margin opposed;**
- **915 emails against and none in support;**
- **and, three letters in favor versus one against.**

All of the pro-HB 7069 phone calls, emails, letters and individual petition signatures reported by Scott's office totaled 2,434 messages by themselves.

But the Florida Parent Network — which is run through Step Up For Students, an influential Jacksonville-based organization that administers a school voucher program that would be expanded under HB 7069 — said it alone sent 3,242 emails from supporters as of 3:30 p.m. Thursday.

The group's "figure is from the vendor we are using to help scholarship parents and other supporters make their voices heard on this issue," said Ron Matus, Step Up For Students' policy and public affairs director.

Neither Matus nor a Scott spokeswoman could explain the discrepancy between their numbers Thursday evening. Scott's office said it was looking in to the matter.

If the Florida Parent Network's reported emails are in addition to what the governor's office said it received already, the gap between supporters and opponents would narrow greatly. But those seeking a veto of HB 7069 would still hold an advantage in the sheer volume.

Scott has yet to receive HB 7069 — or the main budget act, which contains \$23.7 billion in base K-12 public school spending that county school superintendents, almost all elected school boards, and parent groups and teachers unions also want vetoed. Once Scott receives each bill, he'll have 15 days to act, so there's still plenty of time for Floridians to offer opinions and influence Scott's decision.

The bill's supporters are largely confined to charter school organizations and other school choice supporters, who tout what the legislation could do to expand their movement.

Meanwhile, critics oppose the bill for myriad reasons — first for its contents, which they say would diminish traditional public schools in favor of privately managed charters. And they also abhor the way the 278-page bill was crafted in secret by House Republicans with no opportunity for public input and no chance for lawmakers to amend it before the May 8 vote on the 2017-18 budget package.

The bill's premiere feature is \$140 million for a new "Schools of Hope" program, which is largely an incentive for specialized charter schools to set up in low-income areas and essentially compete with struggling traditional public schools.

HB 7069 also allocates \$234 million in teacher bonuses, both through the controversial "Best & Brightest" program and through a new scheme — whereby "highly effective" teachers would be guaranteed \$1,200 bonuses for each of the next three school years and "effective" teachers could get up to \$800 each year, depending on how much money is available.

Aside from the numerous other policy reforms not related to spending that are also in the bill, the legislation includes \$30 million to expand the Gardiner Scholarship, a voucher program that helps students with disabilities pay for alternative education options.

Step Up For Students awards those scholarships on behalf of the state.
(The group also facilitates the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship, which helps poor and often minority students afford private school. The tax-credit scholarship is not affected by HB 7069.)

From: McDougal, Kim
To: [Gary Chartrand](#)
Subject: Re: NYU School of Engineering prepares for STEM training push
Date: Friday, July 10, 2015 8:18:58 PM

Thanks for sharing

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 10, 2015, at 7:13 PM, Gary Chartrand <gchartrand@acosta.com> wrote:

Subject: FW: NYU School of Engineering prepares for STEM training push

This is exactly what we need in Florida. PD for our k 12 teachers in stem is badly needed and is a problem that we must address.

Idea..... offer Free College for STEM majors that agree to teach for 4 years in FI public schools thru a loan forgiveness program (25% per year). Set the standards high. SAT and ACT scores in top 20%. Award 500 scholarships per year as loan forgiveness if they teach . It's a better spend that giving \$10,000 bonuses retroactively to teachers that had high SAT scores. Just my 2 cents.

I thought you'd like this:

<http://nydn.us/1Hk4Dah>

NYU School of Engineering prepares for STEM training push
Officials at New York University's Polytechnic School of Engineering aim to rocket the city schools into the future with an ambitious new push for science, engineering, technology and math — better known as STEM.

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From: Jessica Bakeman
To: [Schenone, Lauren](#)
Cc: [Schutz, Jackie](#)
Subject: Re: Numbers
Date: Monday, May 15, 2017 4:11:02 PM

Thank you

Jessica Bakeman
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Florida bureau
POLITICO

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From: Schenone, Lauren <Lauren.Schenone@eog.myflorida.com>
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 4:03:52 PM
To: Jessica Bakeman
Cc: Schutz, Jackie
Subject: Numbers

Hi Jessica,

On HB 7069, the responses are as follows-
Emails: Oppose- 1751, Support-103
Letters: Oppose - 1, Support - 0
Calls: Oppose - 414, Support - 71
Petition signatures: Oppose 950, Support - 147

Responses on the education budget -
Emails: Oppose - 259, Support - 0
Letters: Oppose - 0, Support - 0
Calls: Oppose- 94, Support - 1
Petition signatures: Oppose - 0, Support - 0

Thanks!

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From: McDougal, Kim
To: Gary Chartrand
Subject: Re: PLEASE JOIN GARY CHARTRAND, CHAIR OF THE FLORIDA BOARD OF EDUCATION, TO LEARN ,DISCUSS, & DEBATE OUR STEM ECONOMY IN NE FLORIDA
Date: Friday, March 27, 2015 6:33:05 PM

I will give to scheduling

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 27, 2015, at 4:32 PM, Gary Chartrand <gchartrand@acosta.com> wrote:

Kim, this is the forum I am holding in Jax that we discussed yesterday. It would be great if Gov. Scott would come to kick off the meeting. Please let me know if he can make it. Attached is a draft State of STEM report on NE Florida.

Did you know: Jobs in Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Medicine (STEM2) have grown at a rate three times faster than non-STEM2 jobs?

Did you know: By 2018 1 million computer science jobs will go unfilled by US workers?

Why attend the forum? Because you care about our region's economy and want to be part of the solution.

Who should attend? Business leaders, Civic leaders, Educators, Entrepreneurs, Job Creators, Parents, Politicians, Students, and all solution focused individuals.

We convene, inspire and invest in the STEM2 field by providing the essential missing elements to accelerate the growth of STEM2 education and careers

Monday, May 11, 2015

1-5 p.m.

Adam W. Herbert University Center

Register at: www.unf.edu/stemm<<http://www.unf.edu/stemm>>

This forum is hosted by the University of North Florida

From: Townsend, Billy
To: Dodge, Wendy
Cc: Spicola, Ashley; McDougal, Kim; Byrd, Jacqueline; School Board Members - All Staff
Subject: Re: Polk Board and Superintendent Veto Request to Governor Scott
Date: Friday, May 12, 2017 12:04:14 PM

Thank you, Wendy, for all of your hard work in making sure the governor understands the community impact of this terrible budget/bill -- and the community's demand that we stop it.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 12, 2017, at 11:58 AM, Dodge, Wendy <wendy.dodge@polk-fl.net> wrote:

Attached please find our letter from the Polk County School Board Chair and Superintendent requesting a veto of HB 7069 and the budget.

Your assistance in getting this before Governor Scott would be greatly appreciated.

We have also mailed a hard copy.

Happy Mother's Day, Ashley!

Sincerely,

Wendy M. Dodge
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(863) 838-3632 cell

<Polk Board Supt Letter to Gov Scott.pdf>

From: Hebda, Kathy
To: McDougal, Kim
Subject: Re: Tampa Bay Times: Florida Board of Education wants end to Best & Brightest teacher bonuses
Date: Friday, September 23, 2016 4:37:33 PM

We are calling reporter to correct the story.

Kathryn S. Hebda
Chief of Staff
Florida Department of Education

On Sep 23, 2016, at 4:30 PM, McDougal, Kim <Kim.McDougal@eog.myflorida.com> wrote:

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: News Alerts <NewsAlerts@eog.myflorida.com>
Date: September 23, 2016 at 1:43:33 PM CDT
Subject: Tampa Bay Times: Florida Board of Education wants end to Best & Brightest teacher bonuses

Florida Board of Education wants end to Best & Brightest teacher bonuses

Tampa Bay Times
Jeff Solocheck
September 23, 2016

The Florida Board of Education on Friday backed a budget plan that would eliminate funding for the state's controversial two-year-old Best and Brightest bonus, which rewards teachers based on their job evaluations and their SAT or ACT scores.

The board's legislative budget proposal would take the bulk of the \$49 million expenditure and place it into "teacher recruitment and retention." The recommended \$43 million fund would provide bonuses for "new teachers who show great potential for and veteran teachers who have demonstrated the highest student academic growth among their peers."

It would use Florida's top teacher preparation programs and also aim to address shortages in STEM fields, as well as supporting "top teacher candidates and public schools with the highest needs."

Board members asked commissioner **Pam Stewart** for more details on the use of the money, which represented the largest single change in its proposed budget. She said she was still collecting input from teachers and

other stakeholders before writing a specific plan, and asked to discuss it more in depth in October.

The board, which approved the LBR 6-1 with **Michael Olenick** opposed, expressed satisfaction with the concept.

"I'd like to hear the details. I think it's in the right bucket, though," board member **Gary Chartrand** said.

Vice chairman **John Padget**, who called for an end to the Best and Brightest in August, said he was "totally pleased" with the staff's direction.

"I'm happy to hear it," he said. "I've heard some ideas, and I like many of them."

Teachers continue to apply for the bonuses, which averaged about \$8,500 in their first year, with a Nov. 1 deadline. The state has made clear that district decisions on the awards are final.

From: McDougal, Kim
To: srwise@att.net
Subject: Re: [Spam:**** SpamScore] Gary Chartrand appointment
Date: Friday, February 13, 2015 9:33:00 AM

Great to hear from you. I hope you are doing well...I forwarded this email to Brad Pipenbrink who handles appointments for the Governor..Gary is a great guy and truly cares about ensuring our education system continues to improve..

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 13, 2015, at 8:31 AM, Stephen Wise <srwise@att.net> wrote:

Kim:

I had lunch with Gary Chartrand last Friday and we were discussing about the Florida Department of Education and what a difficult task that he has as Chair of the Board of Education. He then told me he is waiting for the Governor to make the appointments to the Board. I told him I would talk with you about this matter and see when the Governor will begin the appointment process for the Board of Education.

That was the purpose of my call. Thanks for your consideration on this matter.

Lastly, I want to congratulate you on your job as Deputy Chief of Staff and Legislative Affairs Director. What an awesome opportunity for you. You always did a wonderful job working with the members of the Legislature and you really know what needs to be done in that process. You will be a great asset to the Governor.

Have a wonderful day and I look forward to your reply.

Steve

From: Schutz, Jackie
To: Wyland, Kerri
Cc: _Press
Subject: Re: *DRAFT TWEET- Job Killing Legislation
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2017 6:54:51 PM

Ok

Jackie Schutz

On Mar 9, 2017, at 6:37 PM, Wyland, Kerri <Kerri.Wyland@eog.myflorida.com> wrote:

No more space- Have to shorten economic to econ

FL Lawmakers to Vote on Job Killing Legislation- see the important econ development programs HB7005 eliminates here:
<http://bit.ly/2IJ2bvE>

From: Schutz, Jackie
Sent: Thursday, March 9, 2017 6:36 PM
To: Wyland, Kerri <Kerri.Wyland@eog.myflorida.com>
Cc: _Press <_Press@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: Re: *DRAFT TWEET- Job Killing Legislation

Add important

Jackie Schutz

On Mar 9, 2017, at 6:33 PM, Wyland, Kerri <Kerri.Wyland@eog.myflorida.com> wrote:

FL Lawmakers to Vote on Job Killing Legislation- see the economic development programs HB 7005 will eliminate here: <http://bit.ly/2IJ2bvE>

From: Governor's Press Office
Sent: Thursday, March 9, 2017 6:22 PM
Subject: Florida Lawmakers to Vote on Job Killing Legislation Tomorrow

<image002.jpg>

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 9, 2017

CONTACT: GOVERNOR'S PRESS OFFICE
(850) 717-9282
media@eog.myflorida.com

Florida Lawmakers to Vote on Job Killing Legislation Tomorrow

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Tomorrow, members of the Florida House of Representatives will vote on HB 7005, a bill which eliminates a large majority of Florida's economic development and jobs programs. The State of Florida relies heavily on these programs to diversify and strengthen our economy by attracting targeted industries and good, high-paying jobs that improve the lives of Florida families.

Below, please see a list of current members that have supported economic development programs, including Enterprise Florida, through various bills from 2011-2016, that are eliminated in HB 7005:

Member	HB 1325: Economic Development (2016)	HB 7067: Economic Development (2015)	HB 5401: Economic Development (2015)	HB 4013: Tax Refund Programs (2013)	HB 5801: Economic Development (2013)	HB 7087: Economic Development (2012)	HB 7069: Economic Development Tax Refund Programs (2012)	HB 879: Targeted Economic Development (SB 2156) (2011)
Abruzzo						Y	Y	
Ahern		Y		Y		Y	Y	Y
Albritton	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y
Antone	Y			Y				
Avila		Y						
Berman				Y		Y	Y	
Beshears	Y	Y						
Bileca		Y		Y				
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Burgess		Y						
Burton	Y	Y						
Caldwell		Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y
Combee	Y	Y		Y				
Corcoran		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Cortes, B.	Y	Y						
Cruz			Y	Y		Y	Y	

Cummings	Y	Y						
Diaz, J.	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y
Diaz, M.		Y		Y				
Drake	Y	Y				Y	Y	Y
Dubose	Y							
Eagle		Y						
Edwards	Y							
Eisnaugle	Y	Y				Y	Y	Y
Fant	Y	Y						
Fitzenhagen	Y	Y						
Gonzalez	Y	Y			Y			
Goodson	Y	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y
Grant, J.		Y		Y		Y	Y	Y
Hager	Y	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y
Harrell	Y	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y
Harrison	Y	Y				Y	Y	Y
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Ingram	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jenne		Y				Y		
Jones	Y	Y						
La Rosa	Y	Y		Y				
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Lee	Y							
Magar		Y		Y				
McGhee	Y							
Metz	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y
Miller, M.	Y	Y						
Moraitis	Y	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y
Moskowitz	Y	Y		Y				
Nunez		Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y
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Porter	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y
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Raburn	Y	Y		Y				
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Raulerson	Y	Y		Y				
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Richardson	Y		Y	Y				
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Stafford	Y		Y					
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Stevenson	Y	Y						
Stone	Y	Y		Y				
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Watson, B.	Y							
Watson, C.	Y							

Below is a list of programs that are eliminated in HB 7005:

- Enterprise Florida, Inc.
- Florida Defense Alliance
- Florida Small Business Development Center Network
- Quick Response Training Program
- Institute for the Commercialization of Public Research
- Capital Investment Tax Credit
- State of Florida International Offices
- Qualified Defense Contractor and Space Flight Business Tax Refund Program
- Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund Program
- Brownfield Redevelopment Bonus Refunds
- High Impact Business Performance Incentive
- Quick Action Closing Fund
- Innovation Incentive Program

- Marketing and Image Campaign Enterprise Florida, Inc.
- Florida Small Business Technology Growth Program
- Florida Capital Formation Act
- Florida Opportunity Fund Creation and Duties
- Microfinance Guarantee Program
- Urban High-Crime Area Jobs Tax Credit Program
- New Market Development Program
- New Market Tax Credit
- Limited sales and use tax exemption for education-related purchases
- Entertainment Industry Tax Credit
- Office of Film and Entertainment
- Florida Film and Entertainment Industry Advisory Council
- Entertainment Industry qualified production companies
- International Game Fish Association World Center Facility
- Florida Technology Seed Capital Fund
- Economic Development Transportation Projects
- SEED Trust Fund
- Tourism Promotional Trust Fund
- Florida International Trade and Promotion Trust Fund

###

From: [Tupps, John](#)
To: [Young, Kelsy](#); [_Press](#)
Subject: Re: *DRAFT* PHOTO AND VIDEO RELEASE: Governor Rick Scott Signs Major Education Bill Into Law
Date: Thursday, June 15, 2017 6:18:50 PM

This looks great!!

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From: Young, Kelsy
Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2017 5:44:39 PM
To: [_Press](#)
Subject: *DRAFT* PHOTO AND VIDEO RELEASE: Governor Rick Scott Signs Major Education Bill Into Law



For Immediate Release
June 15, 2017

Contact: GOVERNOR'S PRESS OFFICE

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(850) 717-9282

PHOTO AND VIDEO RELEASE

Governor Rick Scott Signs Major Education Bill Into Law



To view the video, click [HERE](#).

ORLANDO, Fla. – Today, Governor Rick Scott signed HB 7069 which provides nearly \$419 million to Florida's K-12 education system, expands teacher bonuses, increases

funding for the Gardiner Scholarship for students with unique abilities and ensures Florida's students can get a great education at the school of their choice. Additionally, during the recent Special Legislative Session called by Governor Scott, the Legislature allocated the highest per student K-12 funding in state history, increasing funding by \$100 per student.

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From: Clark, Kristen
To: Schutz, Jackie
Cc: Schenone, Lauren; Lewis, McKinley; Bustamante, Jeri
Subject: Re: *REVISED* Scott/ Lopez-Cantera Administrative Schedule for Monday, May 15, 2017
Date: Monday, May 15, 2017 11:37:54 AM

Hi, Jackie:

Can you provide any information about what Superintendent Carvalho and the governor discussed? Did the superintendent, in any way, request or urge a veto of either K-12 spending in SB 2500, HB 7069 or both?

Thanks,
~Kristen

On Mon, May 15, 2017 at 11:30 AM, Governor's Press Office
<Governor'sPressOffice@eog.myflorida.com> wrote:

REVISED

**GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT'S SCHEDULE
FOR
MONDAY, MAY 15, 2017**

**9:15am TOURISM NUMBERS
ANNOUNCEMENT**

Location: Jungle Island
Address: 1111 Parrot Jungle Trail
Miami, FL 33132

**11:00am MEETING WITH MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT ALBERTO
CARVALHO**

Location: Miami, FL

**2:15pm MEETING WITH THE STATE BOARD
OF ADMINISTRATION OF FLORIDA (VIA PHONE)**

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**LT. GOVERNOR LOPEZ-CANTERA'S SCHEDULE
FOR
MONDAY, MAY 15, 2017**

9:15am TOURISM NUMBERS ANNOUNCEMENT

Location: Miami, FL

**6:30pm SOUTH FLORIDA WATER
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT'S PYTHON ELIMINATION
PILOT PROGRAM**

Location: Miami, FL

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From: McGrory, Kathleen
To: [Bustamante, Jeri](#)
Cc: [Schutz, Jackie](#); [Tupps, John](#)
Subject: Re: testing bill
Date: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 10:41:23 AM

I sent my email 30 seconds too early :) Thanks!

On Tue, Apr 14, 2015 at 10:39 AM, Bustamante, Jeri <Jeri.Bustamante@eog.myflorida.com> wrote:



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 14, 2015

CONTACT: GOVERNOR'S PRESS OFFICE

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Gov. Scott Signs Legislation to Reduce Tests

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Today, Governor Rick Scott signed House Bill 7069, which reduces the amount of tests Florida students take.

Governor Scott said, "This legislation reduces the number of tests our students take, including the 11th grade English Language Arts test that we eliminated this year through an Executive Order in February. I agree with many teachers and parents who say we have too many tests, and while this legislation is a great step forward, we will keep working to make sure Florida students are not over tested.

"This legislation also improves our teacher evaluation system, which will ensure we have the best teachers in our classrooms. I want to thank Senator Legg and Representative O'Toole for championing this legislation and I applaud the Florida Legislature for quickly putting it into law to better serve our students."

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From: McGrory, Kathleen [mailto:kmcgrory@miamiherald.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 10:37 AM
To: Schutz, Jackie; Tupps, John; Bustamante, Jeri
Subject: testing bill

Hey all,

Hearing that the governor signed the testing bill. Is that so? Do you guys have a statement?

Kind regards,

Kat

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From: McDougal, Kim
To: Allison Liby-Schoonover
Subject: Re: testing concerns from Seminole County
Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2015 6:24:51 PM

Thank you..i will review

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 21, 2015, at 5:57 PM, Allison Liby-Schoonover
<allison.libyschoonover@metzlaw.com> wrote:

Kim,

I hope this email finds you well. It is my understanding that my client, Amy Lockhart, Vice Chair of the Seminole County School Board spoke with you earlier today. As a follow up I wanted to send you a copy of her editorial for your reference.
<http://www.orlandosentinel.com/opinion/os-ed-school-assessments-myword-040515-20150406-story.html>

The School Board of Seminole County is grateful for last fall's executive order and extremely grateful for the Governor's quick action in signing HB 7069.

Thank you,
Alli Liby

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From: Andrea Messina
To: Governor Rick Scott
Cc: McDougal, Kim; Spicola, Ashley
Subject: Request for VETO of HB 7069C
Date: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 9:07:56 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[2017 Governor Scott Letter - 7069 Veto Request.docx](#)

Honorable Governor Rick Scott,

Please see attached letter regarding request for your veto on HB 7069. This letter is also being hand delivered today, May 16, 2017.

Thank you.

Andrea Messina
Executive Director
Florida School Boards Association

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Florida School Boards Association

The national association for Florida

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A: <http://five.sentenc.es>



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The voice of education in Florida.

May 16, 2017

Governor Rick Scott

Executive Office of Governor Rick Scott
400 S Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Honorable Governor Scott:

On behalf of the members of the Florida School Boards Association, we are writing to urge your veto of HB 7069. This legislation addresses a variety of issues and includes some provisions that FSBA would support under other circumstances. However, FSBA objects to the process by which the bill was developed, to the inappropriate confiscation of local school board authority, and to some specific provisions contained in the bill. As a result, we consider the bill to be substantially flawed and unworthy of your approval to be enacted into law.

One of our many objections to the bill is that, during a legislative session when leaders proclaimed to be the epitome of transparency in the legislative process, this massive bill was cobbled together behind closed doors. Legislators took a 6-page, single-subject bill, tacked on the content of two very contentious bills, and then added the camouflage of popular provisions from more than a dozen other bills to produce a 274-page behemoth. The resulting bill includes some provisions that are extremely complex and controversial, some provisions that had not been thoroughly vetted through the legislative process, and even some provisions that had been rejected in committee.

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all meaningful measures. Most importantly, the lack of a learning gain measure does not permit the initial release of grades to act as an informational baseline. Learning gains represent the enduring commitment of the state to ensure all students are making meaningful growth or maintaining their current achievement each year. Not including these gains erodes that commitment and eliminates the possibility that the initial grades are an informational baseline. Additionally, setting percentage cut scores for determining a school grade of “A”, “B”, “C”, “D”, or “F” on a model that excludes almost 50 percent of the points is irresponsible and premature and could lead to the revisiting of these cut scores for 2015-16. It should be noted that statutorily, once those cut scores are set by the State Board, they can only be adjusted upwards. The continued confusion over these issues and the repeated need to then ‘tweak’ the grading system each year risks further damage to school accountability.

The calculation of learning gains within the proposed rule (6A-1.09981 – School and District Accountability) is of great concern. The new learning gains measure is built on splitting achievement levels into multiple subcategories. Students in one subcategory would have to move to the next subcategory in order to receive a learning gain. This creates many circumstances where students within subcategories have very different growth expectations simply based on their placement within the range. In addition, the band of error on statewide assessments can be significant which further impacts the calculation of a learning gain when there are subcategories within an achievement level.

Superintendents recommend that sufficient progress is demonstrated when a student is able to maintain a score in level 3, 4 or 5. As a student progresses from one grade level or subject area to the next higher grade or content area, the expectations are increased for both subject content and the vertical scaling of the assessments. Therefore scoring a Level 3, 4 or 5 is sufficient for demonstrating adequate student growth. This concept is supported in the definition of “learning gain” specified in section 1008.34, F.S., as the degree of student learning growth occurring from one school year to the next. While the statute also requires learning growth toward levels 3, 4 and 5 as part of the learning gains calculating, it does not preclude the state board from defining “learning gain” as maintaining a Level 3, 4 or 5.

The current rule development text eliminates the use of ‘banked’ scores for high school accountability. As schools have increased acceleration opportunities for students, more students are taking high school courses in middle school. The prior school accountability system allowed for banked scores to be included in proficiency measures for high school. Middle and high schools were working together to ensure students met standards on an accelerated timeline. This should be added to the new rule to ensure this success continues.

Acceleration measures in the rule create strong expectations for all graduates to have at least one college and career measure before exiting school. We suggest two additional opportunities for acceleration. First, CLEP assessments recognized by college and universities across the nation for college credit should also be recognized in our accountability system. Second, students taking alternative assessments could be meaningfully included in this measure if we provided acknowledgement of career transition programs or internships built on providing opportunities to ESE students. For middle school acceleration measures, until there are adequate EOC assessments in English/Language Arts courses, we recommend that the middle school acceleration measure only use prior to Grade 8 performance on Mathematics assessments for inclusion in the acceleration denominator and only include students who scored at level 4 or above.

Ms. Marva Johnson, Chair

November 9, 2015

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Superintendents recommend that the proposed rule be amended to reflect the above concerns.

In conclusion, Florida's District School Superintendents are united in their support of the achievement level cut scores that Commissioner Stewart recommended to the State Board of Education. The Commissioner's recommendations are based on a comprehensive process that includes recommendations from educators and the community. This process must not be circumvented. We recommend that the State Board of Education adopt Commissioner Stewart's recommendations without modification.

Sincerely,



Barbara M. Jenkins, President



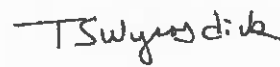
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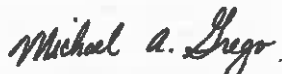
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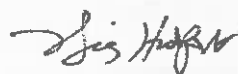
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From: Persak, LaQuisha
To: Persak, LaQuisha
Cc: Betta, Katherine
Subject: Senate Republicans Deliver on Key Priorities During the 2017 Legislative Session
Date: Monday, May 8, 2017 8:42:29 PM

For Immediate Release
May 8, 2017

Contact: LaQuisha Persak
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Senate Republicans Deliver on Key Priorities During the 2017 Legislative Session
Republican-led Senate focused on fidelity to the Constitution, tax relief, education

Tallahassee— Today, the Florida Legislature concluded the 2017 Legislation Session with a vote on the General Appropriations Act and the 2017 Tax Relief Package. Over the past several months, the Republican Caucus has worked diligently to pass comprehensive and meaningful legislation to address concerns expressed by constituents from all across the state. Achieving bipartisan support on many key issues, the Republican-led Senate focused on priorities that will continue to protect the personal freedoms guaranteed by our state and federal constitutions.

“This session, Republican leaders spearheaded legislation to provide significant tax relief for Florida’s families and businesses, including a proposed constitutional amendment to provide an additional homestead exemption. If approved by voters next November, this amendment will create significant annual savings for homeowners across our state,” said Majority Leader Wilton Simpson (R-Trilby), regarding the accomplishments of the Senate Republican Caucus during the 2017 Regular Session.

“The link between education and our economy is clear, and this session we continued our effort to make certain all Florida students have access to a great education beginning with voluntary pre-kindergarten, all the way through our excellent institutions of higher learning,” continued Leader Simpson. “We also believe parents should have a greater say in how their children are educated. From legislation requiring mandatory recess for elementary school students, to comprehensive education reforms that reduce the number of standardized tests, to bipartisan legislation that clarifies how private school students can participate on public school sports teams, incorporating input from parents continues to be a top priority for our caucus and the entire Senate.”

The following are a few accomplishments from the 2017 Legislative Session.

Broad-Based Tax Relief

House Bill 7109, Taxation, sponsored by Senator Kelli Stargel (R-Lakeland), Chair of the Senate Committee on Finance and Tax, provides broad-based tax relief to families and businesses across Florida. The legislation creates a three-day “back-to-school” sales tax holiday from August 4-6, 2017, and a three-day “disaster preparedness” sales tax holiday from June 2-4, 2017. The bill also creates a permanent sales tax exemption for essential hygienic products for women, and permanently lowers the sales tax charged on commercial leases.

Property Tax Relief

House Joint Resolution (HJR) 7105, Homestead Property Tax Relief, sponsored by former Senate President Tom Lee (R-Thonotosassa), proposes an amendment to the Florida Constitution to provide an additional homestead exemption of \$25,000. The amendment will take effect January 1, 2019, if approved by Florida voters. Homestead property owners will receive an exemption from ad valorem taxes, except levies by school districts, for the assessed valuation greater than \$100,000 and up to \$125,000.

Keeping BP Oil Funds in Northwest Florida

House Bill 7077, Gulf Coast Economic Corridor, bipartisan legislation sponsored by Senator George Gainer (R-Panama City), Senator Doug Broxson (R-Pensacola), and Senator Bill Montford (D-Tallahassee), will ensure funds received in the settlement of the state's economic damage claims caused by the 2010 Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill remain in Northwest Florida's eight disproportionately affected counties.

Right to Self-Defense

Senate Bill 128, Self-defense Immunity, sponsored by Senator Rob Bradley (R-Fleming Island), protects the right of self-defense for all Floridians by changing the burden of proof and who must bear it during pretrial hearings to evaluate a defendant's claim of immunity based on a justifiable use of force. The bill places the burden of proof on the state and requires the state to overcome the immunity claim by offering evidence meeting the standard of clear and convincing evidence.

Statewide Standards for Rideshare Services

House Bill 221, Transportation Network Companies (TNC's), sponsored by Senator Jeff Brandes (R-St. Petersburg), establishes a statewide set of standards for TNC's and the ridesharing services they perform. The bill protects consumers by outlining specific insurance requirements for drivers, and requires background screenings for those drivers. The bill also requires drivers to disclose the fare for a ride before the trip begins and provide riders with a detailed electronic receipt.

Foster Families Receive Free Annual Admission to State Parks

House Bill 185, sponsored by Senator Aaron Bean (R-Fernandina Beach), allows Florida's foster families free admission to our state parks, and a 50 percent discount on state park base campsite fees. Families who adopt children with special needs from the Department of Children and Families receive a free annual state park entrance pass at the time of adoption.

Comprehensive K-12 Education Reforms and Enhancements

House Bill 7069 makes several comprehensive reforms and enhancements to the K-12 education system.

Among other reforms, the bill includes two key priorities advocated by Senate President Pro Tempore Anitere Flores (R-Miami, Monroe). The bill modifies the statewide assessment program by eliminating certain standardized tests, requires the administration of certain tests for specified grades in paper-pencil format, specifies timeframes for reporting results, and requires results to be provided to teachers within a specified timeframe.

The bill also requires each district school board to provide at least 20 consecutive minutes of supervised, safe, and unstructured free-play recess per day for students in kindergarten through 5th grade.

Additionally, the bill authorizes high-performing charter schools to replicate in the area of

persistently low-performing schools, and expands current authority for charter schools to form cooperatives to further educational, operational, and administrative initiatives.

Religious Liberty in Public Schools

Senate Bill 436, Religious Expression in Public Schools, sponsored by Senator Dennis Baxley (R-Lady Lake), creates the “Florida Student and School Personnel Religious Liberties Act,” and specifies that a school district may not discriminate against a student, parent, or school personnel on the basis of a religious viewpoint or religious expression.

Student Loan Debt Information

Senate Bill 396, Student Loan Debt, sponsored by Senator Dorothy Hukill (R-Port Orange) and Senator Aaron Bean (R-Fernandina Beach), requires colleges and universities to provide students information regarding their student loans on an annual basis. The bill ensures students will be provided with up-to-date information about the debt they are incurring via their student loans. The information provided will help students be better prepared regarding their financial future and help with decision making concerning their post-graduation goals.

Public Notification of Pollution Act

Senate Bill 1018, sponsored by Senator Denise Grimsley (R-Sebring) and Senator Bill Galvano (R-Bradenton), creates the “Public Notice of Pollution Act.” This legislation holds both the government and private sector to a higher standard, ensuring the public is notified in a timely manner when a potentially health threatening contamination occurs. The bill requires the operator to notify the Department of Environmental Protection within the first 24 hours after a spill occurs, providing pertinent information such as the location and cause of the release, as well as other facts important to determining the extent of risk to the public.

For more information, please visit www.FLSenate.gov.

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From: Commissioner Stewart
Subject: Spring 2015 FSA Grade 3 English Language Arts Bottom Quintile Release
Date: Thursday, June 4, 2015 10:35:20 AM
Attachments: 2015 Grade 3 FSA ELA Bottom Quintile by District.xlsx

Dear Superintendents,

The bottom quintile information for the Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) Grade 3 English Language Arts (ELA) is now available for district download via the secure Sharepoint website with unique logins/passwords. As established in House Bill 7069: "Students who score in the bottom quintile on the 2014-15 grade 3 English Language Arts assessment shall be identified as students at risk of retention. School districts must notify parents of such students, provide evidence as outlined in s. 1008.25(6)(b), and provide the appropriate intervention and support services for student success in grade 4." The following files are available:

District-Level Grade 3 ELA File

If students in your district participated in the Grade 3 FSA ELA assessment, you will receive a file that includes student identification information and score flags (reported, invalidated, etc.), as well as a bottom quintile indicator for all students.

Grade 3 ELA Bottom Quintile by District

If a student or students in your district scored in the bottom quintile, you will receive a district list that contains information for these students only. The bottom quintile indicator is calculated on all Grade 3 students with valid ELA scores statewide with the exception of those students meeting the criteria listed below.

Grade 3 ELA Bottom Quintile by School

If you receive a district bottom quintile list, you will also receive additional list(s) by school.

The Bureau of K-12 Student Assessment has provided your District Assessment Coordinator with detailed instructions for retrieving files from the Sharefile site with the appropriate passwords. Please note that this information is being released to the district only; your district assessment coordinator will be able to share information with your schools, as appropriate.

In addition to these files, attached to this email for your information is a table containing the percent of third grade students in the statewide bottom quintile by district.

If you have questions about this release, please contact Dr. Qian Liu, our Director of Scoring and Reporting, at qian.liu@fldoe.org or 850-245-0867.

Sincerely,

Pam Stewart

Attachment 2015 Grade 3 FSA ELA Bottom Quintile by Distr.xlsx (13592 Bytes) cannot be converted to PDF format.

From: Gary Chartrand
To: [McDougal, Kim](#)
Subject: Stem Hub in Northeast Florida
Date: Friday, August 14, 2015 12:33:11 PM
Attachments: [JCC Presentation_Final.pptx](#)

Kim, I wanted to share this presentation with you, This was given to the Jacksonville Civic Council. I created this STEM hub and recruited 18 businesses to financial support the HUB. There is some very good data in this presentation. I know the Gov. is supportive of STEM initiatives and linking the initiatives to jobs for Florida residents. As you know I have been passionately vocal on supporting STEM initiatives and more importantly the PD of Math, science and computer science teachers. The demand is far exceeding the supply in STEM careers.

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Excellence is never an accident. It is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, and intelligent execution; it represents the wise choice of many alternatives - choice, not chance, determines your destiny.

— Aristotle



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Northeast Florida Regional STEM² Hub Jacksonville Civic Council

‘If you want to go fast, go
alone. If you want to go
far, go together.’

— African Proverb

We convene, inspire,
and invest in the STEM²
field by providing the
essential missing
elements to accelerate
the growth of STEM²
education and careers.











— STEM² Hub

STEM Workers Play Key Roles in Driving Economy's Growth¹

- 26 million U.S. jobs—20 percent of all jobs—require a high level of knowledge in any one STEM field.
- Half of all STEM jobs are available to workers without a four-year college degree.
- These jobs pay \$53,000 on average—a wage 10 percent higher than jobs with similar educational requirements.
- More STEM-oriented metropolitan economies perform strongly on a wide variety of economic indicators, from innovation to employment.

¹Rothwell. Jonathan, The Hidden STEM Economy, Metropolitan Policy Program at The Brookings Institute











STEM occupations requiring the most knowledge

Occupation	# of jobs	avg. wages
 Biomedical Engineers	16,590	\$88,360
 Chemical Engineers	27,860	\$99,440
 Biochemists and Biophysicists	25,160	\$87,640
 Engineers, All Other	125,590	\$92,260
 Nuclear Engineers	18,430	\$105,160
 Agricultural Engineers	2,650	\$78,400
 Materials Scientists	7,900	\$86,600
 Engineering Teachers	33,660	\$97,260
 Hydrologists	6,960	\$79,070
 Materials Engineers	22,160	\$86,790

Wage premium, bachelor's or higher STEM jobs vs. non-STEM jobs with similar educational requirements:

+14%

Most common STEM occupations requiring an Associate's Degree or less

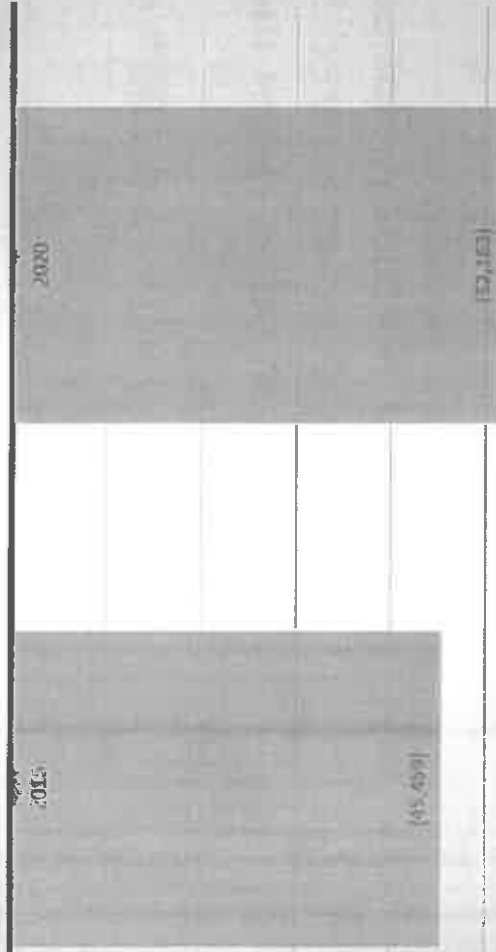
Occupation	# of jobs	avg. wages
 Registered Nurses	2724,570	\$49,710
 Auto Techs and Mechanics	589,570	\$38,560
 Carpenters	578,990	\$44,330
 Supervisors of Prod. & Ops. Workers	559,350	\$56,890
 Electricians	512,230	\$52,910
 Computer Systems Analysts	487,740	\$82,320
 Supervisors of Mechanics, etc.	488,530	\$62,190
 Machinists	368,590	\$40,520
 Plumbers, Pipefitters, Steamfitters	349,320	\$51,830
 Welders, Cutters, Solderers, Brazers	316,230	\$37,920

Wage premium, sub-bachelor's STEM jobs vs. non-STEM jobs with similar educational requirements:

+10%

Northeast Florida Supply Demand Outlook (Macro)

Current and projected deficiency for high-wage occupations in the Northeast Florida Region*



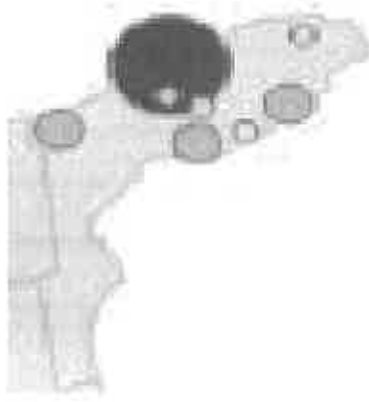
*source EMSI; figures based upon all occupations with a median hourly wage of \$30.00 and above, with sufficient data in the 7 county Northeast Florida Region. Comparison between regional completions (2013) and 2015/2020 estimated jobs.



- Presently the Northeast Florida region already shows a **deficient** in high-wage jobs based on present employment levels. Projections also show a **deficiency**.
- Furthermore our unemployment/underemployment rate continues to hover at 12.8% (close to 25% for youth under/unemployment).

Northeast Florida's share of workers in STEM occupations compared to 100 largest metro areas

- 19% of Northeast Florida workers in STEM occupations compared to as many as 33.2% in other larger metropolitan regions.¹
- Jacksonville ranks 80th out of 100 top metro areas.
- Significant economic potential left untapped in Northeast Florida.



◊ 11.1% - 17.9% ◊ 18.0% - 19.5% ● 19.5% - 20.4% ● 20.5% - 21.4% ● 21.5% - 33.2%

Key Roles of STEM Orientated Metropolitan Regions

1. Raising enrollment, retention, and attainment for bachelors degree and graduate degree students in STEM subjects, especially for low-attainment population.
2. Adult training or sub-bachelors education in STEM fields.
3. Boosting elementary and secondary interest and preparation in STEM subjects.
4. Various government and nonprofit or corporate sectors implement each of these goals.

➤ Who owns these roles in Northeast Florida?

Best practice programs including county schools, higher education and businesses DO have track records for success (including in Baltimore MD, Houston TX & Melbourne FL).¹

¹Rothwell. Jonathan, The Hidden STEM Economy, Metropolitan Policy Program at The Brookings Institute

STEM² Initial Priorities

- ▶ Education Priorities
 - ▶ Support the strategy of Early College High Schools.
 - ▶ Establish STEM² after-school clubs.
- ▶ Business Priorities
 - ▶ Support the development of a downtown innovation district.
 - ▶ Support and partner to coordinate the development of a near-sourcing technology entity.

Work To Do: *The Role of STEM² Education in Improving the Tri-State Region's Workforce*. Carnegie Science Center, November 2014²

Success Milestones to Date

- Forging partnerships with best practice STEM curriculum developers including Project-Lead-The-Way & code.org.
- Creating trusted partnerships with internationally recognized after-school programs including For Inspiration and Recognition of Science Technology (FIRST Robotics).
- Established a business-driven board of directors.
- Initiated an education advisory board made up of all the regional county superintendents and higher education presidents.
- Introduced three after-school STEM2 clubs: FIRST Robotics, MATHCOUNTS, science.
- Kicked-off STEM² Hub at a forum sponsored by UNF which received national press through STEMConnector.
- Published first regional State of STEM² Report.
- Panelist in U.S. News's 2015 National STEM Solutions Conference held in San Diego.
- Identified the first four areas of STEM² priorities (pending board approval).
- Created a business driven scorecard holding all stakeholders (business, colleges/universities & county schools) to nationally (and where appropriate international) standards.

STEM² Hub Board of Directors

Leading Regional Company CEOs/CIOs

Acosta	Greenshades
Adecco	Haskell
Alluvion Staffing	JAXUSA
Auditmacs	Moneta Partners
Black Knight	NLP Logix
Citi Group	Scratch Werks
CSX	Vistakon
FIS	Web.com
Florida Blue	Wolfson's Hospital

80 Founding STEM² Businesses - minimum suggested contribution \$5,000 (five year commitment requested based on gross income.

Board Level Members - maximum 20 @ \$25,000 contribution /year for five years.
STEM2Hub filed 501(c)(3).

From: Erika Donalds
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Cc: [McDougal, Kim](#)
Subject: Support for 7069 by Florida Coalition of School Board Members
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 11:39:49 AM

Governor Scott,

I am writing on behalf of myself and the Florida Coalition of School Board Members to urge you to sign HB 7069. We are incredibly concerned that the loud voices of unions, anti-reformers, and school district bureaucrats are stomping out those of parents and children who desperately want & need the funding and reforms contained in the bill. The opposition's interest, as you are well aware, is self-preservation.

Our interest, as school board members who are not tied to the education establishment, is to represent families and taxpayers. We have worked hard all session with the House and Senate to include the most effective and meaningful priorities in this bill. We have seen first-hand how districts thwart legislative intent on nearly every reform issue, but this bill does not allow that to continue.

Please, work with us on any changes you may desire to this legislation so that it can be tweaked next session, but do not roll back the progress that was made this year by sending it back to the legislature for a special session. The students of Florida will suffer as a result.

Florida needs a high quality workforce of well rounded citizens to make our state prosperous for the long haul. FCSBM is committed to this effort and our support for HB 7069 reflects that mission.

Thank you for your support. Please let me know if I can assist you in any way.

All my best,
Erika Donalds
Vice Chair, Collier County School Board
Past President, Florida Coalition of School Board Members
Commissioner, Florida Constitution Revision Commission

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The Purpose of Life is a Life of Purpose.

From: Martha McAdams
To: [McDougal, Kim](#)
Cc: [Spicola, Ashley](#)
Subject: Support of HB 7069 and approval of budget
Date: Friday, June 2, 2017 6:34:48 AM

This is a copy of an email that was sent to Governor Scott. I attempted to copy both of you but was unsuccessful so I am sending you a copy directly.

Dear Governor Scott, I have been a traditional public school teacher and administrator in the state of Florida and am a retired principal of a Florida Charter School. I am currently a consultant for Sebastian Charter Junior High (SCJH) where I was the principal for 13 1/2 years. I am writing you in support of HB 7069 and for the Education budget to be signed into law by you. School choice is important for all students in Florida. Having free public charter schools offers educational opportunities to all social-economic classes that would not be afforded to them without the system. If Florida is truly going to support charter schools they need to support the students and families by providing more equitable funding through the sharing of the capital millage with the school districts and ensures that Title 1 funds flow directly to charter schools to provide additional services that our students deserve.

SCJH must spend precious operational funds to pay for our facilities. We are very conservative with our spending and do more with less. We have lead Indian River County in many areas when comparing various categories of the FCAT and FSA scores for many years. Repeatedly, SCJH has been the highest ranking middle school in our district.

We do this all with less funding. Florida already is ranked among the lowest of the 50 states for per student funding. When you look at the large disparity of funding for traditional public school and charter school, the per student funding is drastically reduced. Our teachers and administrators and staff all make less money than they would if they worked at the traditional public schools since we must use a portion of our operating funds to pay for facilities. Sharing of the capital outlay funds would ensure that the money follows the students and that the families benefit from the public dollars to which they contribute.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I ask and pray that you thoughtfully consider supporting HB7069 and signing it into law to benefit all students.

Sincerely,

Martha L. McAdams, Ph. D

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From: jwatt@marcoislandacademy.org
To: [McDougal, Kim](#)
Subject: Support of HB 7069
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 3:09:38 PM

Dear Ms. McDougal,

I am the founder and board chair for Marco Island Academy, a public charter high school. Our school is performing in the top 2% in the nation, but does not receive adequate funding for facilities or operations. HB7069 can provide the additional assistance we need by providing a stable, equitable funding source for capital outlay.

Please help our students by supporting HB 7069.

Best regards,

Jane Watt, Chair
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MISSION

The mission of Marco Island Academy is to provide a student-centered, well-rounded, interdisciplinary education. Students will engage in critical thinking while focusing on math, science, technology, environmental and global studies. The Academy will uphold the highest standards of academic excellence, integrity, respect, and social responsibility, while guiding students to achieve post-secondary success.

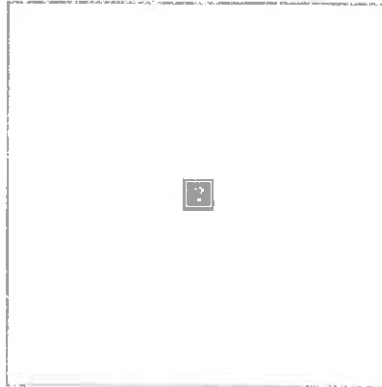
VISION

The vision of Marco Island Academy is to form an integral partnership among students, teachers, parents, and the community. Together, we will create a culture of high expectation, collaboration, and service that will prepare students to succeed in an increasingly complex global society.

This email is for official business of the Marco Island Academy only. Messages sent through this system are subject to the Public Records Law of the State of Florida and also to review by the school system. There should be no expectation of privacy.

From: Miami Beach Senior High PTSA
To: [McDougal, Kim](#)
Subject: Take Immediate Action NOW!
Date: Thursday, March 10, 2016 7:36:19 PM

**Miami Beach Senior High PTSA ENewsletter
Advocacy Campaign #12, March 2016**



TAKE ACTION NOW!!!

**HB 7029: Personal Enrichment Ban Stripped From Charter School Capital
Funding Bill**

In a parting gift to himself and his family which owns Academica, the largest for-profit charter school management company in the State of Florida, Rep. Fresen, on the evening before the last day of the session, has filed a strike-all to HB 7029 and eliminated the personal enrichment/related party ban in the charter school capital funding provisions.

Please email your representatives and let them know that you disagree with the elimination of these bans for for-profit charter school management companies. Our tax dollars should not be lining the pockets of state legislators and their cronies with complete disregard to what is in the best interest of our children.



Don't take our word for it - please click here to read more about it -

[In '96, Bush welcomed charter schools to the state of Florida. Developers have been lining their pockets ever since!](#)

From the article - "When Bush announced his presidential campaign earlier this year, a reporter from BuzzFeed noticed that many of his campaign videos feature the candidate in classrooms filled with happy schoolchildren - but not just any old classrooms. "Almost all of the classrooms have something in common," reporter Molly Hensley-Clancy wrote. "They are at schools operated by Academica, [Florida's] largest for-profit charter school management company."

With nearly 100 schools in Florida "and well over \$150 million in annual revenue," Academica has been a key player in charter school expansions in the state since 1999. And Bush has shown an affinity for the schools for years. "As governor," Hensley-Clancy reports, "Bush visited Academica schools several times, his emails show."

But Academica has a long history of financial wheeling and dealing, so much so the organization is now the target of "an ongoing federal probe into its real estate dealings," as the Miami Herald reported in 2014. While the 1996 law allowing charters to operate in Florida restricted applicants to nonprofit groups only, profit-minded charter businesses like Academica have skirted that restriction. A report written by Patricia W. Hall for the Florida League of Women Voters explains how the scheme works:

"Although charter schools must, by Florida law, be overseen by a non-profit board of directors, there are many ways in which for-profit organizations have begun to hijack the charter school movement. For-profit management companies frequently provide everything from back office operations including payroll, contracting with vendors for food services, textbook, etc., to hiring principals and teachers and curriculum control."

Hall goes on to explain how real estate deals have become another form of profit-making in the Florida charter school business model. According to Hall,

for-profit management companies such as Academica that manage charter schools receive "a variety of grants, loans and tax credits for building a charter school." Then they can charge the school district exorbitant rents and leases for the use of the building. This results in an "ever escalating" revenue stream of taxpayer dollars flowing to the charter school management company. Should the charter management company decide to eventually sell the building to another entity, it "reaps the profits," Hall writes.

These sorts of charter school-related real estate schemes led to a firestorm of land deals in Florida during the Bush years, according to an investigation by Alec MacGillis in the New Yorker. "Developers of new subdivisions teamed up with companies that were opening up charter schools less as a means to innovate than as a way to benefit from Florida's boom," MacGillis writes.

By 2011, charter school chains like Academica were getting so fabulously wealthy they drew the attention of an investigative report from the Miami Herald. Reporters Kathleen McGrory and Scott Hiaasen found 15 years of steady growth had turned Academica into "Florida's largest and richest for-profit charter school management company, and one of the largest in the country." The reporters found the charter school chain practiced a "business strategy repeated across Miami-Dade and Broward Counties." Through these complex real estate arrangements, Academica founders Fernando and Ignacio Zulueta - brothers who were former real estate developers - had built, by 2010, a portfolio of 20 land companies generating millions of dollars.

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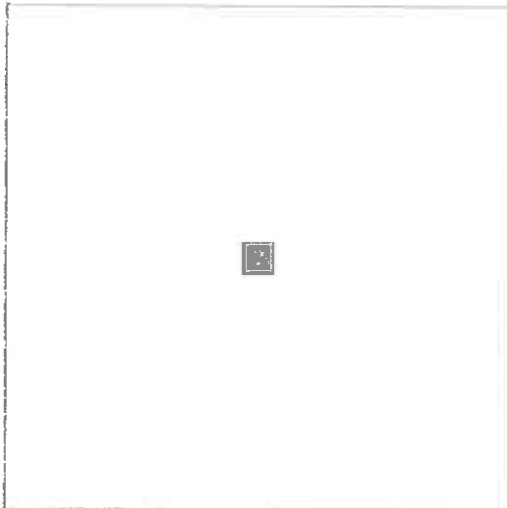
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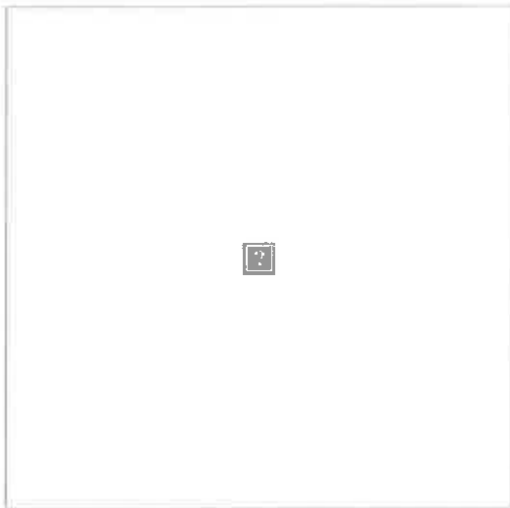
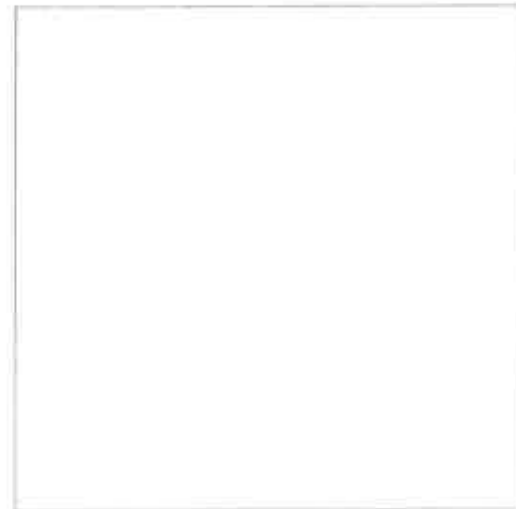


Victory for School Choice in Montana

Big Sky families can now use [the state's scholarship program](#) to attend a private school of their choice.

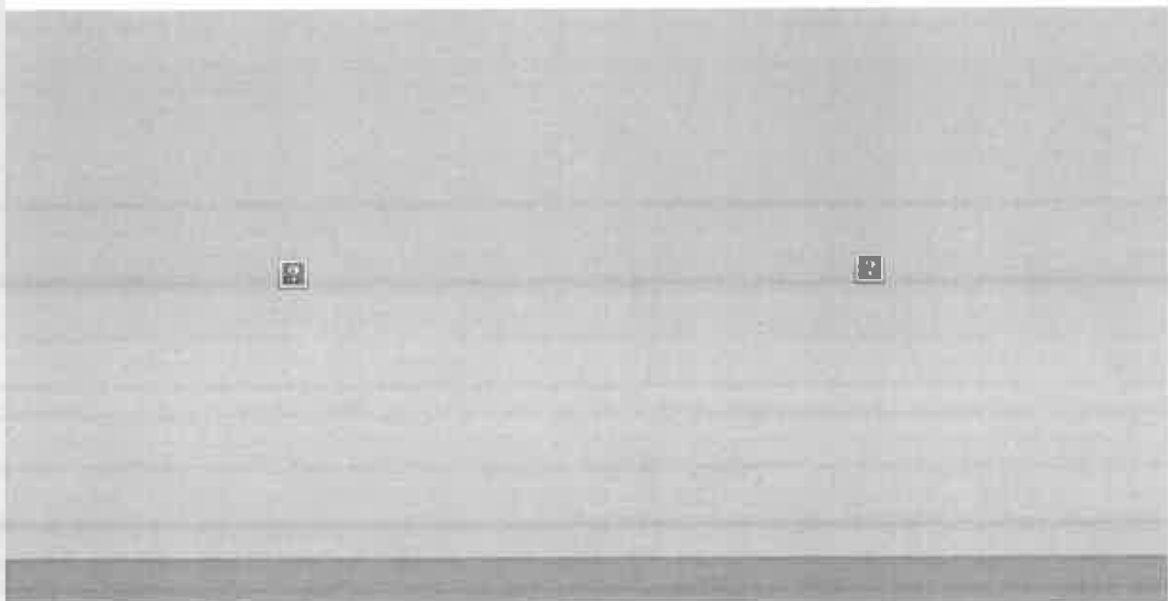
The Real Problem With Vouchers

Nate Malkus, research fellow in education policy at AEI, highlights the real problem surrounding the negative voucher program studies is the fact that they are [unreasonably underfunded](#).



A Parent's Perspective: How Virtual Education Changed My Son's Life

[A Florida parent urges](#) Governor Scott to sign HB 7069, which will allow her son to continue to thrive in a flexible virtual school program.





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From: Wyland, Kerri
To: Schutz, Jackie
Cc: Ivasco, Priscilla
Subject: UPDATED
Date: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 6:34:16 PM

- Thank you so much for having me here today to celebrate the expansion of Slam! Sports Leadership and Management Charter School.
- I would like to thank Armando Perez – Pitbull- for all he has done for this exceptional school. He truly is committed to making sure all the students here have access to a world class education.
- AND I WOULD LIKE TO ALSO WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY.
- In recognition of all of your incredible work, I would now like to present you with the Florida Ambassador of the Arts Award.
- This award is granted to those whose dedication and exceptional contributions to the arts help enhance the quality of Florida's diverse culture.
- Arts and culture help drive our economy and encourage business to create jobs and opportunities.
- PRESENT AWARD; HOLD FOR APPLAUSE
- Thank you Fernando Zulueta, President of Academica Corporation Charter Schools, Representative Erik Fresen and City of Miami Mayor Tomas Regalado for joining us today.
- Thank you also to Alex Tamargo, Principal here at Slam! It is great to see your facility and meet all of your students.
- We know the workers and leaders of tomorrow are in our classrooms today and that is why earlier this week we announced that our proposed "Keep Florida Working Budget" will fund per student and total K-12 education at their highest levels in state history.
- That means per student funding will be an increase of \$50 per student over the previous record year in 2007.
- HOLD FOR APPLAUSE
- We already had the highest total spending in K-12 last year and had the highest total spending in K-12 last year and gave every teacher the opportunity for a pay raise.
- Last year, we invested a total of \$18.9 billion in K-12 education, which was the

highest to that point.

- Today, we are increasing that investment for a new record total towards education Florida's students.
- HOLD FOR APPLAUSE
- Also, today, we are proud to announce that in our "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget, we will propose \$100 million for the fixed capital outlay needs of Florida charter schools.
- This is an increase of \$25 million from this year.
- HOLD FOR APPLAUSE
- This means that we are continuing to invest to ensure that all of Florida's schools are up-to-date with the technology required to help our students succeed.

From: Miami Beach Senior High PTSA
To: [McDougal, Kim](#)
Subject: Update: Class Size Abuse
Date: Wednesday, December 2, 2015 8:11:32 AM

**Miami Beach Senior High PTSA ENewsletter
Advocacy Campaign #3, December 2, 2015**



UPDATE - CLASS SIZE ABUSE

Tens of thousands of students last year sat in classrooms above the constitutional class size caps. Miami-Dade County Public Schools was the worst offender. Legislation is currently being drafted to address this.

Stay tuned for Calls to Action to help end class size abuse!

Thank you to all of those who helped us bring this issue to the attention of state legislators and the M-DCPS School Board last year, and to the Miami Herald (Christina Veiga) and Channel 6 (Ari Odzer) for reporting on class size issues in Miami-Dade county!



Tens of thousands of students last year were sitting in classrooms over the constitutional class size limits as a result of the misuse of the Schools of Choice loophole according to the Florida Department of Education Commissioner Pam Stewart. Miami-Dade County Public Schools was the worst offender. Ms. Stewart provided this information to the Florida Senate Education Committee at the request of Senator Legg, its Chairman. Both Senate and House leaders will be drafting legislation to close the Schools of Choice loophole. Stay tuned for Calls to Action to help end class size abuse.

According to an article in the Tampa Bay Times, *How much did 'schools of choice' option affect Florida's class size compliance?* by Jeffrey S. Solochek (December 1, 2015), the effects of Florida's 'schools of choice' class size option was dramatic, education commissioner Pam Stewart wrote in a recent letter to the Senate Education Committee.

Before appeals, Florida schools of choice were out of compliance by just 84 students statewide in 2014, Stewart wrote. If those same schools had been held to classroom counts, as the 2002 amendment mandates, they would have missed by 31,257 students.

If those numbers would have been applied to penalties, districts that used the schools of choice designation would have faced \$162.5 million in funding adjustments. Instead, they paid \$421,513, Stewart noted.

Districts that escaped large potential fines by using the loophole, which Senate Education chairman John Legg helped write and is now trying to close, include Miami-Dade (\$49.1 million), Duval (\$21.6 million), Palm Beach (\$10.8 million), Lee (\$10.6 million), and Broward (\$10 million).

Locally, Pasco schools could have faced a \$6.8 million fine, while the Hernando, Pinellas and Hillsborough districts would have faced just over \$200,000 combined.

The commissioner's report "gives you a sense of the magnitude of what is out there," Legg said.

Pointing to the vast difference between Hillsborough and Pasco, the two counties in his district, Legg suggested that the law as written creates an inequitable, nonuniform system of education "that I don't think is defensible."

He called it an "arbitrary, self-defined loophole around the class size amendment," and stressed that his committee will push hard to see it changed.

"I helped write it," Legg acknowledged. "School districts said, 'Give us some flexibility. Trust us to apply it.' We did. I don't think they applied it in the manner the Legislature intended. They violated that trust."

House leaders said they also are looking into changing the law. No bills have yet been filed.*

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Subject: VETO HB 7069 AND LINE-ITEM VETO THE FLORIDA EDUCATION FINANCE PROGRAM (FEFP) COMPONENT
Date: Thursday, June 1, 2017 3:20:29 PM
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June 1, 2017

The Honorable Rick Scott
Plaza Level 05, The Capitol
400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Dear Governor Scott:

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Sincerely,

Alberto M. Carvalho
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Ms. Susie V. Castillo, Board Member

**SUBJECT: THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
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HB 7069 AND LINE-ITEM VETO THE FLORIDA EDUCATION
FINANCE PROGRAM (FEFP) COMPONENT OF THE
PROPOSED STATE BUDGET**

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On Monday, May 8, 2017, the Florida House and Senate passed the proposed 2017-2018 state budget and pertinent conforming bills, including HB 7069. While this bill addresses and includes several key points of the Board's 2017 State Legislative Program, it also includes provisions that the Board has strongly opposed.

Among the issues of concern in the bill are the required sharing of capital outlay millage, and the limitations on the Board's allocation of Title I funds. These issues will have a significant impact on our school district financially and operationally. The required sharing of the capital outlay millage is estimated to negatively impact the District's capital budget by \$25 million in 2017-2018 and spiral to \$60 million by 2020-2021. Additionally, the District also must prepare for a decrease in state education funds and a significant loss in the constitutional authority of local school boards.

The proposed state budget is completely misaligned with the needs of public schools and our students. The budget includes provisions reducing the Base Student Allocation by \$27.08. The proposed budget is insufficient to cover Miami-Dade County Public Schools' projected cost increases for 2017-2018. As The School Board of Miami-Dade County, it is our duty to oppose any legislation that may be detrimental to students in our public schools. As such, it is appropriate for the Board to send correspondence urging Florida Governor Rick Scott to veto HB 7069 as well as line-item veto the FEFP component of the proposed state budget.

As of the time of this item being published, the bill had not been certified to the Governor. Once the Governor receives the bill, the Governor has 15 days to act on it. This item does not appear in the published agenda. There is good cause to vary from the published agenda in order to timely advocate for a veto from the Governor.

This item has been reviewed and approved by the School Board Attorney's office as to form and legal sufficiency.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. SUSIE V. CASTILLO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida urge, by appropriate means, Florida Governor Rick Scott to veto HB 7069 and line-item veto the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) component of the proposed state budget.

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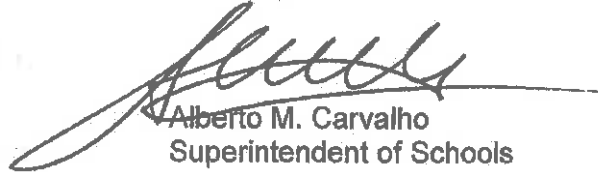
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Dr. Kim McDougal
County and Municipal Mayors

From: ERICA SIRRINE
To: [McDougal, Kim](#)
Subject: Veto HB 7069
Date: Tuesday, May 9, 2017 9:10:10 AM

Dear Dr. McDougal,

In spite of over 30,000 emails and letters to Central Florida legislators alone by 10:00 am on Monday, the Senate (by a very narrow margin) and House approved HB 7069.

It is clear the people of Florida largely denounce this bill, yet it is also clear the legislators chose to ignore the pleas of their constituents. I urge you to listen to the concerns of the citizens of the State of Florida and ask the Governor to veto HB 7069.

In Polk County, the Superintendent, School Board members, and countless faculty and staff clearly voiced how detrimental HB 7609 will be to our school system, yet only ONE of our legislators (Senator Denise Grimsley) chose to listen and respond to those concerns by voting in opposition. If HB 7069 is not vetoed, our county will immediately have to eliminate over 135 positions and dozens of successful programs. The fate of the 100,000+ children enrolled in our county's school district now lies in Governor Scott's hands.

Please listen to the experts in our state, the teachers, principals, school board members, and superintendents, who are hired and elected to represent the needs of our youngest citizens and ask the Governor to veto HB 7069 today. The state of Florida needs Governor Scott to take a firm stance to protect our educational system.

Sincerely,
Dr. Erica Sirrine

From: OHLFESTLON
To: [McDougal, Kim](#)
Subject: Veto HB 7069
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 1:02:26 PM

Below is a message that I have sent to our governor. Thank you, for your time and for any influence you can have with this concern.

Governor Rick Scott,

As a resident, voter and taxpayer being directly, and negatively impacted by this legislation and the damaging effects that removing power from our Local Government will have, allowing the circumventing of local zoning approvals for Charters and the catastrophic effects it poses on citizens, education, the State of Florida and to our nation as a whole - I urge you to Veto HB7069.

This has the transparent motive to enrich those who profit from taking money from our state while degrading our public schools, skirting our zoning laws and reducing our tax base. Charter schools are not about education they are about profit for a few and about promoting specific religious education. Veto HB 7069.

Respectfully,
Lon Ohlfest
6000 SW 72 Ave
Miami, FL 33143

From: Bob Cerra
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Cc: [McDougal, Kim](#); [Spicola, Ashley](#)
Subject: Veto Request - HB 7069
Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017 11:18:27 AM

Dear Governor Scott,

I write this message to you as a private citizen and parent of two school children, even though I readily "admit" to being a practicing lobbyist in public education issues. I request that you veto HB 7069. The process that created this bill was flawed. If you allow that process to "win," this bad process will become the norm. Even if you agree with most or even all of the policy adopted, you must protect the process for the future including not only your next year as Governor but the powers of this office in the future. In this case, the policy does not even matter. I oppose much of the policy in this bill. I suspect that you support some of it and oppose some of it, but if you do not defend the process, then future Speakers and Senate Presidents will hide their policy until the end and force passage using the powers of their offices. Even if the ends are good, the means are evil. Please protect our democratic process for the future of all of Florida's citizens and taxpayers.

Thank you for considering this request.

With great respect,

Bob Cerra

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From: Bill Bigelow
To: Sellers, Melissa
Subject: [Spam:***** SpamScore] Fw: Thank you for contacting Governor Rick Scott
Date: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 4:07:45 PM

Governor Scott is starting the next four years of this second term very badly, as detailed below.

William and Margo Bigelow (long term Republican voters)
Port Charlotte, FL

From: Bill Bigelow
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 4:03 PM
To: Scott Governor Rick
Subject: Re: Thank you for contacting Governor Rick Scott

Governor Scott:

We have just been given proof you decided to **weakly lead from behind like President Barack Obama** by validating continuation of the state's dysfunctional public school system when you today signed the bad Common Core educational bills passed by the House and the Senate.

We now clearly see the Captain of the Good Ship Florida is professionally aligned at the hip with President Obama, who is not certified to properly steer the ship of state in a manner coinciding with the best interests of the voters or our school age children. Via your actions, you have now been rewarded a VIP Invitation to Jeb Bush's Presidential "Hat in the Ring" party. You made a very unwise decision for Jeb Bush will never occupy the Oval Office, as President of the United States, and in all likelihood our state's educational rating will continue to languish in the low 5 percentile.

William and Margo Bigelow
Port Charlotte, FL

From: Bill Bigelow
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 1:04 PM
To: Governor Rick Scott
Subject: Re: Thank you for contacting Governor Rick Scott

Governor Scott:

In response to your response to our recent e-mail, we have the following comments.

Many, many Floridians have been in contact with our state Representatives and Senators over the past several months concerning the dysfunctional nature of our public school system, which is now rated 47th worst out of 50 states. The bills passed by the Legislature we are

asking you to veto add to this system's already massive problems so it is obvious our elected officials in the Legislature could care less about what Floridians think about how the system must be changed to significantly approve the state's educational rating. We are against Common Core PERIOD; and it is obvious the Legislature is not against Common Core and therefore wrongfully wants to perpetuate the current bad system.

Floridians have elected you governor for an 8 year period and as governor we want you to manage this state and its departments in an effective and cost effective manner. We want you to veto these House and Senate bills covering in part the testing of our school children---for the school system is obviously badly structured and is hence a badly rated product when compared to our peers.

Strong leaders readily take on important politically unpopular issues, which require immediate addressing/changing/new direction. The voters want a leader to **lead**, not readily agree with/capitulate to/participate in **making a bad product worse**. Being a leader should not and is not easy. If you choose to not veto these bills, we will surmise the future political prospects of Jeb Bush, the father of Common Core in this state, is more of a concern to Tallahassee politicians than is the educational welfare of Floridian children; and such a position is totally unacceptable to informed, clear thinking Floridians.

William and Margo Bigelow
Port Charlotte, FL

From: Governor Rick Scott
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2015 4:21 PM
To: Governor Rick Scott
Cc: Sunburst
Subject: Thank you for contacting Governor Rick Scott

Thank you for contacting Governor Rick Scott and sharing your opinion about House Bill 7069, relating to Education Accountability, which is currently pending consideration by the 2015 Legislature. The Governor appreciates your views and asked that I respond on his behalf.

Governor Scott wants to know how citizens feel about the many issues we face and appreciates your taking the time to share your views with him. You can influence legislation by contacting your local legislative delegation. The Division of Legislative Information Services is a helpful resource for information on legislation. The Division of Legislative Information Services is a helpful resource for information on legislation. That office can be contacted by writing to the address below or you can find contact information for your legislators and track bills as they proceed through the legislative process at www.leg.state.fl.us.

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1-850-488-4371

The Executive Office of the Governor follows all bills as they move through the legislative

process. Please be assured, the concerns and opinions of citizens like you are presented to the Governor and weigh into his decision on whether or not to sign a bill.

Thank you again for taking the time to write to Governor Scott. Your thoughts are important to him.

Sincerely,

May Kue-Rowan
Office of Citizen Services
Executive Office of the Governor

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From: Stephen Wise
To: [McDougal, Kim](#)
Subject: [Spam:**** SpamScore] Gary Chartrand appointment
Date: Friday, February 13, 2015 8:31:38 AM

Kim:

I had lunch with Gary Chartrand last Friday and we were discussing about the Florida Department of Education and what a difficult task that he has as Chair of the Board of Education. He then told me he is waiting for the Governor to make the appointments to the Board. I told him I would talk with you about this matter and see when the Governor will begin the appointment process the Board of Education.

That was the purpose of my call. Thanks for your consideration on this matter.

Lastly, I want to congratulate you on your job as Deputy Chief of Staff and Legislative Affairs Director. What an awesome opportunity for you. You always did a wonderful job working with the members of the Legislature and you really know what needs to be done in that process. You will be great asset to the Governor.

Have a wonderful day and I look forward to your reply.

Steve

From: Collins, Meghan
To: Schutz, Jackie; Tupps, John; Wyland, Kerri; Vildostegui, Cody; Spicola, Ashley
Cc: Etters, Cheryl
Subject: [Spam:***** SpamScore] Re: Quotes for today
Date: Monday, January 12, 2015 9:41:57 AM

This is the correct commissioner quote. Pls disregard original.

Education Commissioner Pam Stewart said, "I am grateful that Governor Scott's 'Keep Florida Working Budget' increases the state's education funding to the highest level in our state's history. There has never been a better time for education in Florida. Our students have achieved tremendous success in recent years and Governor Scott's budget will keep our state on a trajectory to reach even greater heights."

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jan 12, 2015, at 9:36 AM, Collins, Meghan <Meghan.Collins@fldoe.org> wrote:

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> State Board of Education Chair Gary Chartrand said, "Today's announcement underscores Governor Scott's commitment to Florida families and their futures. Our state's students are fortunate to have some of the nation's best principals and teachers, and this record-setting investment in per pupil funding will ensure they all have the necessary resources to continue thriving."

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> State Board of Education Member Rebecca Fishman Lipsey said, "Governor Scott's budget request demonstrates a significant investment in children and families. All students deserve access to a world-class education and I am proud that in Florida we are actively working to provide students with the tools they need to succeed and make Florida an even better place for future generations."

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> State Board of Education Vice Chair John R. Padgett said, "I want to praise Governor Scott for placing an emphasis on Florida's greatest asset - our children. A quality education sets the foundation for a lifetime of success, and I am confident that this historic per pupil funding will have a significant positive impact on our state for many years to come."

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> State Board of Education Member Andy Tuck said, "As a steward of taxpayer dollars, the state has a responsibility to make sure Floridians get a good return on our investment in public education. Our students have demonstrated a strong desire and ability to achieve, and I expect we will see even more success as a result of the historic per pupil education funding in Governor Scott's 'Keep Florida Working Budget.'"

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> State Board of Education Member Marva Johnson said, "It is vital that our state's students have access to the best education possible. By continuing to focus on Florida's students in his 'Keep Florida Working Budget,' Governor Scott has demonstrated his unyielding resolve to make our state the best place to live and work."

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>> State Board of Education Member John A. Colón said, "All families want their children to receive an education that will prepare them for a good job. Governor Scott's dedication to our state's students and families is commendable, and I am proud to offer my full support of the 'Keep Florida Working Budget.'"

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> Sent from my iPhone

From: Ruth Melton
To: [McDougal, Kim](#)
Subject: [Spam:***** SpamScore] ALERT -- Legislature Has Passed the Assessment & Accountability Bill
Date: Thursday, April 9, 2015 2:14:10 PM

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In an unexpected action, today the House **PASSED** [HB 7069](#) relating to Education Accountability. The bill has now passed both chambers of the Legislature and is on its way to Governor Scott for his approval. This decision to take up the bill today came as a surprise to most observers (including this writer) who had expected that it would be a week or more before the House took up the bill. We will provide more details in this evening's edition of the FSBA Daily Update.

Ruth

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From: Ruth Melton
To: McDougal, Kim
Subject: [Spam:***** SpamScore] FSBA Daily Update -- April 14, 2015
Date: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 10:02:27 PM

Ladies and Gentlemen:

UPDATE ON THE ASSESSMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY BILL – SB 7069

Today, Governor Scott signed HB 7069

into law. The bill addresses many of the concerns that have been raised by school board members, superintendents, educators and parents about the state's accountability and assessment system. We have not completed our detailed analysis of the bill, but among other things, the bill:

- authorizes school to set the school starting date as no earlier than August 10;
- eliminates the 11th grade English Language Arts assessment;
- eliminates requirement for district-wide exams for non-state assessed courses and subjects;
- prohibits districts from giving finals in courses where statewide standardized exams already exist;
- eliminates requirement for progress monitoring;
- limits the amount of time for test administration to no more than 5% of total school hours per student, per year;
- requires that statewide assessment results be returned by the end of the year and district-wide assessment results to be returned within 30 days;
- eliminates requirement for intensive remedial courses for secondary students;
- reduces the weight given to student performance data used in teacher evaluations from 50% to 33%;
- requires an independent verification of the psychometric validity of statewide, standardized assessments before school grades may be published and before student performance data may be used for teacher and administrator evaluations; and
- provides identification and interventions for students at risk of retention.

Most of these provisions align with recommendations that have been made by FSBA and others, but some provisions give rise to new questions and concerns. In addition, some key assessment issues are not addressed in the bill, particularly those centering on the technological infrastructure necessary for computer abased assessments to be administered within a reasonable time frame and in a manner that minimizes disruption to the teaching and learning for students who are not being assessed during any given testing window. However, some of these concerns may be addressed in other bills that are still under consideration. We will continue to keep you posted on any developments in these areas.

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

In the House **Judiciary Committee:**

HB 845 – Sexting by DuBose – PASSED

Removes court's discretion to impose specified penalty for first violation of sexting; requires minor cited for first violation to sign & accept citation to appear or, in lieu of appearing, to complete other sanctions; requires citation to include certain information; authorizes court to order certain penalties; requires specified percentage of civil penalties be remitted to county commission for cyber-safety training for minors.

In the House **State Affairs Committee:**

HB 65 – Public Records / Public-Private Partnerships by Steube -- PASSED

Provides exemption from public records requirements & public meetings requirements for unsolicited proposals held by responsible public entity for specified period; provides definition; requires that recording be made of closed meeting; provides exemption from public records requirements for records generated during closed meeting for specified period; provides for future legislative review & repeal of exemptions; provides statement of public necessity; provides for contingent effect.

HB 163 – Public Records/Contractors by Beshears – AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE (CS)

Requires each agency head to designate a custodian of public records and to display the contact information for the custodian; requires a public records request to be made to the custodian of public records in order to be eligible for attorney fees in a civil action to enforce chapter 119, F.S.; requires that a public agency contract for services signed or amended on or after a specified date include a statement providing the contact information of the public agency's custodian of public records; prescribes the form of the statement; revises required provisions in a public agency contract for services regarding a contractor's compliance with public records laws; specifies applicable penalties for a contractor who fails to comply with certain provisions.

[NOTE: The bill was revised by a strike all amendment. This short summary reflects the revised version of the bill.]

HB 585 – Holidays & Observances / Sir Lancelot Jones by Raschein -- PASSED

Designates second Monday in October of each year as "Sir Lancelot Jones Day" in Miami-Dade & Monroe Counties; encourages public officials, schools, private organizations, & citizens in Miami-Dade & Monroe Counties to commemorate occasion.

HB 1063 – Government Accountability by Metz – AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A CS

Revises audit provisions to exclude water management districts; revises responsibilities of department heads, Supreme Court, Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation, Justice Administrative Commission, each state attorney & public defender, criminal conflict & civil regional counsel, capital collateral counsel, Guardian Ad Litem program, local governmental entities, & governing bodies of charter schools to include responsibility of establishing certain internal controls;

requires each Florida College System institution to file certain annual financial statements with State Board of Education; requires each school district, Florida College System institution, & state university to establish certain internal controls.

In the House Economic Affairs Committee:

HB 231 – Transportation by Passidomo – AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A CS
Revises provisions relating to rights & safety of vulnerable users of public roadway; prohibits assault of bicycle riders; revises provisions for careless driving; provides penalties for specified infractions contributing to bodily injury or death.

HB 933 – Growth Management by La Rosa – AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A CS
Limits amount of mobility & impact fees under certain conditions; revises provisions regarding developments of regional impacts; revises provisions regarding detailed specific area plans; authorizes substitution of recorded conservation easements for other lands under specified circumstances; allows consumptive use permits to be as long as approved master development orders; revises provisions regarding regional planning councils; revises provisions for governmental funding as a result of ground subsidence; creates a pilot project for Pasco County as a connected-city corridor; requires governments to address private property rights in comprehensive plans; prohibits local governments from requiring fee for certain tree removal. [NOTE: The bill was amended to remove a provision that was of particular concern to school districts that would have limited the amount that school district! s could collect in proportionate share mitigation. However, this bill contains several other troubling provisions and is opposed by the League of Cities, Association of Counties, environmental groups, and others.]

In the Senate SESSION:

Bills on 3rd Reading:

SB 802 – Vocational Rehabilitation by D. Gaetz – READ 3RD TIME; PASSED THE SENATE

Providing for the future repeal of the designation of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation as the administrative unit for purposes of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973, subject to legislative review of a required report; requiring the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation to initiate, by a specified date, a performance improvement plan designed to achieve specified goals; requiring the division to develop and implement a pilot program to improve the state vocational rehabilitation program, etc.

HB 7019 – Workforce Services by Economic Development & Tourism – READ 3RD TIME; PASSED THE SENATE; PASSED THE LEGISLATURE
Renames Workforce Florida, Inc., as CareerSource Florida, Inc.; creates task force on preparation for state's implementation of federal Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act; provides membership & duties of task force; requires task force to submit report & recommendations for approval by CareerSource Florida, Inc.; requires CareerSource Florida, Inc., to submit specified state plan to USDOL; provides for abolishment of task force.

Bills on 2nd Reading:

SB 778 – Local Government Construction Preferences by Hays – READ 2ND TIME; AMENDED; PLACED ON 3RD READING FOR 4/22/15

Prohibiting local ordinances and regulations from restricting competition for the award of a contract for construction services based upon certain conditions; requiring a state college, county, municipality, school district, or other political subdivision of the state to make specified disclosures in competitive solicitation documents, etc.

SB 378 – Juvenile Justice by Garcia -- READ 2ND TIME; AMENDED; PLACED ON 3RD READING FOR 4/22/15

Authorizing a law enforcement officer to issue a warning to a juvenile who admits having committed a misdemeanor or to inform the child's parent or guardian of the child's infraction; requiring a law enforcement officer who does not exercise one of these options to issue a civil citation or require participation in a similar diversion program; providing that, in exceptional situations, a law enforcement officer may arrest a first-time misdemeanor offender in the interest of protecting public safety, etc.

SB 960 – Bright Futures Scholarship Program by T. Lee – READ 2ND TIME; PLACED ON 3RD READING FOR 4/22/15

Requiring a student, as a prerequisite for the Florida Academic Scholars award, the Florida Medallion Scholars award, or the Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award, to identify a social or civic issue or a professional area of interest and develop a plan for his or her personal involvement in addressing the issue or learning about the area; prohibiting the student from receiving remuneration or academic credit for the volunteer service work performed, etc.

SB 538 – Disclosure of Sexually Explicit Images by Simmons – RETAINED ON SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR

Prohibiting an individual from electronically disclosing a sexually explicit image of an identifiable person with the intent to harass such person if the individual knows or should have known that such person did not consent to the disclosure; requiring a court to order that a person convicted of such offense be prohibited from having contact with the victim, etc.

SB 954 – Involuntary Examinations of Minors by Garcia – RETAINED ON SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR

Requiring school health services plans to include notification requirements when a student is removed from school, school transportation, or a school-sponsored activity for involuntary examination; requiring a receiving facility to provide notice of the whereabouts of an adult or emancipated minor patient held for involuntary examination; providing conditions for delay in notification, etc.

In the Senate **Health & Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee:**

SB 7006 – Early Learning by Education PreK-12 – AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A CS

Including large family child care homes in local zoning regulation requirements; revising certain minimum standards for child care facilities; providing for the inspection of programs regulated by the department; providing exemptions from child care facility licensing standards; revising restrictions on residential property insurance coverage to include coverage for large family child care homes; authorizing a district school board or charter school governing board to adopt a policy to allow a child to be admitted to a public kindergarten if the child meets certain requirements, etc.

COMING UP TOMORROW

[REMINDER: Most meetings are available via Florida Channel webcasts at <http://thefloridachannel.org>]

The Senate **Fiscal Policy Committee** will meet (9:00 am – 12:00 pm) to consider the following items and others:

SB 908 – Traffic Safety by Altman

Providing criminal penalties for certain noncriminal traffic infractions that cause serious bodily injury or death to a person; defining the term “serious bodily injury”; prohibiting passing and turning in front of a vulnerable user in an unsafe manner; providing penalties; prohibiting harassing, taunting, or throwing an object at a person riding a bicycle; providing mandatory revocation of license for a specified conviction, etc.

SB 1232 – Building Codes by Simpson

Revising the certification examination requirements for building code inspectors, plans examiners, and building code administrators; revising legislative intent with respect to the purpose of the Florida Homeowners’ Construction Recovery Fund; exempting certain low-voltage landscape lighting from licensed electrical contractor installation requirements; creating the Calder Sloan Swimming Pool Electrical-Safety Task Force within the Florida Building Commission, etc.

The Senate **Rules Committee** will meet (9:00 am – 12:00 pm) to consider the following items and others:

SB 984 – Exemption/Legislative Lobbying Requirements by Braynon

Revising the definition of the term “expenditure”; specifying that the term does not include use of a public facility or public property that is made available by a governmental entity to a legislator for a public purpose, to exempt such use from legislative lobbying requirements, etc.

SB 1372 – Government Accountability by D. Gaetz

Specifying that the Governor, the Commissioner of Education, or the designee of the Governor or of the Commissioner of Education may notify the Legislative Auditing Committee of an entity’s failure to comply with certain auditing and financial reporting requirements; revising reporting requirements applicable to the Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation; expanding the types of governmental entities that are subject to lobbyist registration requirements; revising the responsibilities of the governing board of a charter school to include the establishment and maintenance of

internal controls, etc.

The House will be in **SESSION** (10:30 am – completion of business) to consider the following items and others on 2nd Reading:

HB 41 – Hazardous Walking Conditions by Metz

Revises criteria that determine hazardous walking conditions for public school students; revises procedures for inspection & identification of hazardous conditions; authorizes district school superintendents to initiate formal request for correction of hazardous conditions; requires district school boards to provide transportation to students who would be subjected to hazardous conditions; requires state or local entities with jurisdiction over roads with hazardous conditions to correct condition; provides requirements for governmental entities relating to transportation work programs; provides requirements relating to civil actions for damages; & provides for certain interlocal agreements.

HB 7015 – Agriculture and Consumer Services by Agriculture

Revises provisions relating to limited certification for urban landscape commercial fertilizer application; Florida Food Safety Act; power & duties of DACS relating to program services; designation of Pompano State Farmers Market; powers & duties of Division of Administration relating to information technology support; powers & duties of Division of Food Safety relating to food & feed sample analysis; powers & duties of Division of Marketing & Development relating to dealers in agricultural products; powers & duties of Division of Consumer Services relating to dealers in agricultural products; Florida Agriculture Center & Horse Park; Florida Agricultural Promotional Campaign; notice of infection of plants; school food & nutrition service programs; Florida Farm Fresh Schools Program; children's summer nutrition program; commodity distribution services; bond & certificate of deposit prerequisite for agricultural products dealers; & security requirements for grain dealers; & directs Board of Trustees of Internal Improvement Trust Fund to sell specified land & provides for deposit & use of proceeds.

HB 747 – Bright Futures Scholarship Program by Rooney

Delays initial award & renewal period for certain students; revises eligibility requirements for home education students; requires student, as prerequisite for Florida Academic Scholars award, Florida Medallion Scholars award, & Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award, to identify social or civic issue or professional area of interest & develop plan for personal involvement in addressing issue or learning about area; prohibits student from receiving remuneration or academic credit for volunteer service work except in certain circumstances.

HB 587 – Educational Professional Practices by Spano

Authorizes certain employees or agents of DOE to have access to certain reports & records; requires DOE to provide liability insurance to certain persons; provides coverage & notification requirements; revises membership of Education Practices Commission; authorizes Commissioner of Education to appoint emeritus members to commission; authorizes commissioner to issue letter of guidance in response to

complaint against teacher or administrator in certain circumstances.

HB 383 – Private Property Rights by Edwards

Authorizes governmental entity to treat written claim as pending litigation for certain purposes; provides that certain settlement agreements reached between owner & governmental entity apply irrespective of when agreement was executed; authorizes property owner to bring action to recover damages caused by prohibited exaction; requires owner to provide written notice of such action to governmental entity; authorizes governmental entity to treat such claim as pending litigation for certain purposes; specifies burdens of proof; authorizes award of attorney fees & costs under certain circumstances; waives state's sovereign immunity for certain causes of action; specifies that action concerning prohibited exaction is not to be construed in pari materia with certain other provisions of law.

The Senate **Judiciary Committee** will meet (2:00 – 3:30 pm) to consider the following items and others:

SJR 1142 – Ad Valorem Taxation by D. Gaetz

Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to allow the Legislature by general law to prohibit increases in the assessed value of homestead and specified nonhomestead real property if the just value of the property declines; providing an effective date, etc.

SB 238 – Athletic Coaches by Ring

Requiring an independent sanctioning authority to dismiss an athletic coach ejected from a game for the remainder of that sport season under certain circumstances; authorizing such athletic coach to resume working under certain circumstances, etc.

The Senate **Education PreK-12 Committee** will meet (5:00 – 6:00 pm) to consider:

SB 180 – School Safety by Evers

Permitting a school superintendent, with approval of the school board, to authorize a school safety designee to carry a concealed weapon or firearm on school property; requiring school boards to formulate policies and procedures for managing active-shooter and hostage situations; permitting district school boards to commission one or more school safety officers on each school campus, etc.

SB 1480 – Student Extracurricular Activities by Stargel

Revising the principles that guide policies governing student eligibility for extracurricular activities; requiring a district school board's insurance for participants in extracurricular activities to cover certain students at the same rate as other district school students; designation of the Florida High School Athletic Association as the governing nonprofit organization of athletics in Florida public schools and instead requiring the commissioner to designate, by a certain date, a nonprofit association to be the governing body, etc.

I hope you find this information useful. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Ruth

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From: Ruth Melton
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Subject: [Spam:***** SpamScore] FSBA Daily Update -- April 2, 2015
Date: Thursday, April 2, 2015 10:26:02 PM

Ladies and Gentlemen:

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

In the House Judiciary Committee:

HB 19 – School Safety by Steube -- PASSED

Permits school superintendent, with approval of the school board, to authorize school safety designee to carry concealed weapon or firearm on school property; provides requirements for school safety designees; provides exception to prohibition on possession of firearms or other specified devices on school property or other specified areas; provides for fingerprint processing & retention; requires that fees be borne by school safety designee or school; requires school boards to formulate policies & procedures for dealing with active shooters & hostage situations in consultation with law enforcement; requires district school boards & private schools allow campus tours by local law enforcement agencies for specified purposes & that their recommendations be documented; permits district school boards to commission one or more school safety officers on each school campus. [NOTI E: FSBA has grave concerns about the potential tragedies and other unintended consequences that might ensue if the provisions of this bill were implemented. However, the bill places complete control in the hands of the school board and superintendent to determine if each district wishes to pursue this measure.]

HB 4005 – Licenses to Carry Concealed Weapons by Steube -- PASSED

Deletes provision prohibiting concealed carry licensees from openly carrying handgun or carrying concealed weapon or firearm into college or university facility.

In the Senate Education Appropriations Subcommittee:

SB 118 – Voluntary Contributions for Education Facilities by Hays – AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE (CS)

Authorizing a participating business that registers with the Department of Revenue to solicit and collect contributions from its customers for the construction and maintenance of public education facilities; providing registration requirements; requiring a participating business to file a return and remit contributions to the department within a specified timeframe; including voluntary contributions as a source of funding for the Public Education Capital Outlay and Debt Service Trust Fund, etc.

SB 518 – Voluntary Prekindergarten Program by Gibson -- PASSED

Revising provisions relating to calculation of the kindergarten readiness rate for Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program providers and schools; requiring the administration of a preassessment and postassessment to students based upon adopted performance standards, etc.

SB 530 – Bullying and Harassment Policies in Schools by Ring -- PASSED

Requiring school districts to revise their bullying and harassment policies at specified intervals; specifying that a school district policy require a school to implement the policy in a certain manner and integrate it with the school's bullying prevention and intervention program, etc.

SB 574 – Electronic Auction Services by Montford -- PASSED

Revising the powers and duties of the district school board to authorize the adoption of rules regarding procurement practices; authorizing a district school board's use of electronic auction services in conjunction with bid pooling for school buses and related purchases, etc.

SB 622 – Higher Educational Facilities Financing by Montford -- PASSED

Expanding the definition of the term "project" as it relates to the Higher Educational Facilities Financing Act, etc.

SB 874 – Dual Enrollment Program by Stargel -- PASSED

Exempting dual enrollment students from paying certain fees, including technology fees; deleting the requirement that a home education secondary student be responsible for his or her own instructional materials in order to participate in the dual enrollment program; authorizing certain instructional materials to be made available free of charge to dual enrollment students in public high schools, home education programs, and private schools, etc.

SB 880 – Student Loan Default Rates by Ring -- PASSED

Requiring certain institutions to maintain a federal student loan cohort default rate below a specified percentage; revising the minimum standards the Commission for Independent Education must use to evaluate an institution for licensure to include the institution's federal student loan cohort default rate; revising the minimum criteria for an independent postsecondary educational institution to apply for a license by accreditation to include a maximum percentage for the institution's federal student loan cohort default rate, etc.

SB 954 – Involuntary Examinations of Minors by Garcia -- PASSED

Requiring school health services plans to include notification requirements when a student is removed from school, school transportation, or a school-sponsored activity for involuntary examination; requiring a receiving facility to provide notice of the whereabouts of an adult or emancipated minor patient held for involuntary examination; providing conditions for delay in notification, etc.

SB 1020 – Student Transportation Funding by Simmons -- PASSED

Revising the membership of students that a school district reports for transportation funding purposes; revising the school transportation allocation formula used by each school district; revising the types of students eligible for transportation funds used for transportation to and from school in private passenger cars and boats, etc.

SB 1116 – Literacy Jump Start Pilot Project by Abruzzo -- PASSED

Requiring the Office of Early Learning to establish the pilot project in St. Lucie County to assist low-income, at-risk children in developing emergent literacy skills; requiring the office to select an organization to implement the pilot project; encouraging the coordination of basic health screening and immunization services in conjunction with emergent literacy instruction, etc.

SB 1262 – Education by Legg -- PASSED

Requiring the Department of Education to have an operating electronic IEP system in place for statewide use; authorizing the Commissioner of Education to issue a letter of guidance in response to a complaint against a teacher or administrator in lieu of a probable cause determination, etc.

SB 1264 – Digital Classrooms by Legg – TEMPORARILY POSTPONED

Establishing requirements for digital classrooms technology infrastructure planning by the Agency for State Technology or a contracted organization; requiring the Office of Technology and Information Services of the Department of Education to consult with the Agency for State Technology in developing the 5-year strategic plan for Florida digital classrooms; specifying conditions for a school district to maintain eligibility for Florida digital classrooms allocation funds, etc.

SB 1552 – Parent and Student Rights by Benacquisto – AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A CS

Providing the right of a parent to know the average amount of money expended for the education of his or her child; deleting the definition of and provisions relating to controlled open enrollment; requiring each school district to instead establish a public school parental choice policy that allows students to attend any public school that has not reached capacity in their district; requiring each school district board to establish a classroom teacher transfer process for parents, approve or deny a request within a certain timeframe, and post an explanation of the transfer process in the student handbook, etc. [NOTE: The bill was amended with a “strike all” amendment and was then further amended. Among other changes, the revised version of SB 1558 provides that potential transfers through the parental choice will be handled via a lottery system, rather than on a first! -come-first-served basis. In addition, the provision that would have allowed out-of-state charter management companies to open “high performing” charter schools in Florida was removed. The bill was improved by these changes, but still contains several troubling provisions.]

SB 7046 – Education by Education PreK-12 -- PASSED

Requiring a state research university to enter into and maintain a formal agreement with a specified organization to offer college-sponsored merit scholarship awards as a condition of designation as a preeminent state research university; authorizing a low-performing elementary school to administer the required additional hours of instruction in a summer program; revising the types and amounts of bonuses that a teacher may receive in any given school year, etc.

SB 7050 – Digital Classrooms by Governmental Oversight – TEMPORARILY POSTPONED

Requiring the Agency for State Technology to establish and publish information

technology architecture standards for purposes of implementing digital classrooms by a specified date; requiring the agency's annual assessment of the Department of Education to review specified issues with respect to school district digital classrooms plans and to provide planning assistance to address and reduce issues identified by the assessment, etc.

In the House SESSION:

Bills on 3rd Reading:

HB 5001 – 2015-2016 Appropriations by Appropriations – LAID ON THE TABLE
Provides moneys for annual period beginning July 1, 2015, & ending June 30, 2016, & supplemental appropriations for period ending June 30, 2015, to pay salaries & other expenses, capital outlay—buildings & other improvements, & for other specified purposes of various agencies of state government. [NOTE: The House took up SB 2500 which had passed the Senate. The House amended SB 2500 by stripping out the Senate budget and replacing it with the House budget. SB 2500 is now in Returning Messages to the Senate with agreement to establish a Conference Committee to resolve differences between the two bills.]

HB 5003 – 2015-2016 Appropriations Implementing Bill by Appropriations – LAID ON THE TABLE

Implementing the 2015-2016 General Appropriations Act: Implements specific appropriations of the General Appropriations Act for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. [NOTE: The House took up SB 2502 which had passed the Senate. The House amended SB 2502 by stripping out the Senate Implementing Bill language and replacing it with the House Implementing Bill language. SB 2502 is now in Returning Messages to the Senate with agreement to establish a Conference Committee to resolve differences between the two bills]

HB 5005 – FRS / Employer Contributions by Appropriations – LAID ON THE TABLE
Increases employer contribution to retiree health insurance subsidy for members of state-administered plan; increases employer contribution to health insurance subsidy for members of Elected Officers' Class; increases employer contribution to health insurance subsidy for members of Senior Management Service Class; increases employer contribution to health insurance subsidy for members of Regular, Special Risk, & Special Risk Administrative Support Classes; revises amount of employer contributions to FRS for 2015-2016 fiscal year; provides findings of important state interest. [NOTE: The House took up SB 7038 which had passed the Senate. The House amended SB 7038 by stripping out the Senate FRS Contribution Rate Bill and replacing it with the House FRS Contribution Rate Bill. SB 7038 is now in Returning Messages to the Senate with agreement to establish a Conference Committee to resolve differences between the two bills.]

In the Senate Fiscal Policy Committee:

SB 960 – Bright Futures Scholarship Program by T. Lee – AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A CS

Requiring a student, as a prerequisite for the Florida Academic Scholars award, the Florida Medallion Scholars award, or the Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award, to identify a social or civic issue or a professional area of interest and develop a plan for his or her personal involvement in addressing the issue or learning about the area; prohibiting the student from receiving remuneration or academic credit for the volunteer service work performed, etc.

SB 1140 – Bright Futures Scholarship Program by Montford – AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A CS

Providing that the initial award and renewal period for students who are unable to accept an initial award immediately after completion of high school due to a full-time religious or service obligation begins upon the completion of the religious or service obligation, etc.

SB 7002 – Workforce Services by Commerce & Tourism – AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A CS

Renaming Workforce Florida, Inc., as CareerSource Florida, Inc., etc.

In the Senate **SESSION:**

Bills on 3rd Reading:

SB 224 – Public Records/Contractors by Simpson – READ 3RD TIME; AMENDED; PASSED THE SENATE

Requiring that a public agency contract for services include a statement providing the contact information of the public agency's custodian of records; revising required provisions in a public agency contract for services regarding a contractor's compliance with public records laws; specifying applicable penalties for a contractor who fails to provide requested records; specifying circumstances under which a court may assess and award reasonable costs of enforcement against a public agency or contractor, etc.

Bills on 2nd Reading:

SB 2508 – Education Appropriations Conforming Bill by Appropriations – TEMPORARILY POSTPONED

Requiring a state research university to enter into and maintain a formal agreement with a specified organization to offer college-sponsored merit scholarship awards as a condition of designation as a preeminent state research university; revising the term "full-time student" for the purposes of the Florida Education Finance Program; requiring supplemental academic instruction categorical funds and research-based reading instruction allocation funds to be used by a school district with at least one of certain lowest-performing elementary schools for additional intensive reading instruction at such school during the summer program in addition to the school year, etc.

HB 7069 – Education Accountability by Education – READ 2ND TIME; AMENDED; READ 3RD TIME; PASSED THE SENATE

Revises provisions relating to uniform opening date of public schools, high-performing

school districts, student & parent rights, student remediation, scholar designation for standard high school diploma, statewide standardized assessment program, administration & proctoring of assessments, student progression, student evaluation for college readiness, research-based reading instruction allocation, salary schedules, evaluation procedures & criteria, teacher certification, & professional development.

[NOTE: *The bill was amended by a "strike all" amendment that stripped out the original HB 7069 language and replaced it with the language of SB 616, as amended in yesterday's Senate Session. The bill was then further amended to remove a provision relating to school recognition awards. Other amendments – including those that were! proposed in yesterday's consideration of SB 616 were discussed, but were withdrawn. There was extensive commentary from several Senators suggesting that the bill, though a significant improvement over current assessment policies, still did not go far enough to resolve all of the issues of concern that had been raised. The bill will now return to the House for their consideration of the Senate's revised version of HB 7069.]*

COMING UP TOMORROW

In observance of Easter and Passover, there are no legislative meetings scheduled for Friday or Monday. Our next Daily Update will be issued on Monday, April 6, 2015.

I hope you find this information useful. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

In the House **Education Committee:**

HB 41 – Hazardous Walking Conditions by Metz – AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE (CS)

Revises criteria that determine hazardous walking conditions for public school students; revises procedures for inspection & identification of hazardous conditions; authorizes district school superintendents to initiate formal request for correction of hazardous conditions; requires district school boards to provide transportation to students who would be subjected to hazardous conditions; requires state or local entities with jurisdiction over roads with hazardous conditions to correct condition; provides requirements for governmental entities relating to capital improvement programs; provides requirements relating to civil actions for damages.

HB 587 – Educational Professional Practices by Spano -- PASSED

Authorizes certain employees or agents of DOE to have access to certain reports & records; requires DOE to provide liability insurance to certain persons; provides coverage & notification requirements; revises membership of Education Practices Commission; authorizes Commissioner of Education to appoint emeritus members to commission; authorizes commissioner to issue letter of guidance in response to complaint against teacher or administrator in certain circumstances.

HB 7091 – Postsecondary Ed./Students with Disabilities by Higher Educations – AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A CS

Creates "Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program Act"; establishes Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program & Florida Center for Students with Unique Abilities; provides that certain students with physical or mental disorder are exempt from specified tuition & fees.

In the House **Health & Human Services Committee:**

HB 935 – Individuals with Disabilities by R. Rodrigues – AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A CS

Creates "Florida Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act"; requires Florida Prepaid College Board to establish direct-support organization known as "Florida ABLE, Inc."; authorizes organization to use certain services, property, & facilities of Florida Prepaid College Board; provides that specified moneys, assets, & income of qualified ABLE program, including Florida ABLE program, are not subject to attachment, levy, garnishment, or certain legal process in favor of certain creditors or claimants.

HB 937 – Trust Fund / Florida ABLE Program by Rodrigues – PASSED

Creates Florida ABLE Trust Fund within State Board of Administration; authorizes sources of funds; specifies purpose of trust fund & authorized uses of assets; provides for future review & termination or re-creation of trust fund; provides for contingent effect.

HB 939 – Public Records / Florida ABLE Program – AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A CS

Provides exemption from public records requirements for certain personal financial & health information held by Florida Prepaid College Board, Florida ABLE, Inc., Florida ABLE program, or agent or service provider thereof; authorizes release of such information under specified circumstances; provides for future legislative review & repeal of exemption; provides for contingent effect.

In the Senate will be in **SESSION:**

Bills on 3rd Reading:

SB 7024 – State Board of Administration by Government Oversight – READ 3RD TIME; PASSED THE SENATE

Repealing provisions relating to restrictions on investments in institutions doing business in or with Northern Ireland; establishing conditions for the transfer of any residual balance in the Fund B Surplus Funds Trust Fund upon self-liquidation; requiring that additional income received after distribution of the residual balance be deposited in the Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund, etc.

Bills on 2nd Reading:

SB 2500 – 2015-2016 Appropriations by Appropriations – READ 2ND TIME; AMENDED; READ 3RD TIME; PASSED THE SENATE

Providing moneys for the annual period beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, to pay salaries, and other expenses, capital outlay-buildings, and other improvements, and for other specified purposes of the various agencies of state government, etc.

SB 2502 – 2015-2016 Appropriations Implementing Bill by Appropriations -- READ 2ND TIME; AMENDED; READ 3RD TIME; PASSED THE SENATE

Incorporating by reference certain calculations of the Florida Education Finance Program; providing that funds for instructional materials must be released and expended as required in specified proviso language, notwithstanding other provisions of law; revising the basis for allocating fixed capital outlay funds for existing satisfactory facilities, etc.

SB 7038 – FRS / Employer Contributions by Governmental Oversight -- READ 2ND TIME; READ 3RD TIME; PASSED THE SENATE

Revising the employer contribution rates for the retiree health insurance subsidy; revising the required employer retirement contribution rates for members of each membership class and subclass of the Florida Retirement System, etc.

**SB 2508 – Education Appropriations Conforming Bill by Appropriations –
TEMPORARILY POSTPONED ON 2ND READING**

Requiring a state research university to enter into and maintain a formal agreement with a specified organization to offer college-sponsored merit scholarship awards as a condition of designation as a preeminent state research university; revising the term “full-time student” for the purposes of the Florida Education Finance Program; requiring supplemental academic instruction categorical funds and research-based reading instruction allocation funds to be used by a school district with at least one of certain lowest-performing elementary schools for additional intensive reading instruction at such school during the summer program in addition to the school year, etc.

**SB 642 – Individuals with Disabilities by Benacquisto -- READ 2ND TIME; AMENDED;
READ 3RD TIME; PASSED THE SENATE**

Creating the “Florida Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act”; requiring the Florida Prepaid College Board to establish a direct-support organization known as “Florida ABLE, Inc.”; authorizing the organization to use certain services, property, and facilities of the Florida Prepaid College Board; providing that specified moneys, assets, and income of a qualified ABLE program, including the Florida ABLE program, are not subject to attachment, levy, garnishment, or certain legal process in favor of certain creditors or claimants, etc.

**SB 644 – Trust Fund / Florida ABLE Program by Benacquisto -- READ 2ND TIME;
READ 3RD TIME; PASSED THE SENATE**

Creating the Florida ABLE Trust Fund within the State Board of Administration; authorizing sources of funds; specifying the purpose of the trust fund and authorized uses of the assets; providing for future review and termination or re-creation of the trust fund, etc.

**SB 646 – Public Records / Florida ABLE Program by Benacquisto -- READ 2ND
TIME; READ 3RD TIME; PASSED THE SENATE**

Held by the Florida Prepaid College Board, Florida ABLE, Inc., and the Florida ABLE program; Providing an exemption from public records requirements for certain personal financial and health information held by the Florida Prepaid College Board, Florida ABLE, Inc., the Florida ABLE program, or an agent or service provider thereof; authorizing the release of such information under specified circumstances; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity, etc.

**SB 602 – Students With Disabilities by Gaetz – READ 2ND TIME; AMENDED; READ
3RD TIME; PASSED THE SENATE**

Revising scholarship application deadlines and guidelines; requiring authorized program funds to support the student’s educational needs; providing future repeal of provisions pertaining to an implementation schedule of notification and eligibility timelines; authorizing a prepaid college plan to be purchased, accounted for, used, and terminated under certain circumstances, etc.

SB 7030 – Postsecondary Ed./Students with Disabilities by Higher Education -- READ 2ND TIME; AMENDED; READ 3RD TIME; PASSED THE SENATE
Creating the "Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program Act"; establishing eligibility requirements for enrollment in the Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program; establishing the Florida Center for Students with Unique Abilities; establishing a Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program Scholarship for certain qualified students, etc.

SB 224 – Public Records/Contractors by Simpson – READ 2ND TIME; AMENDED; PLACED ON 3RD READING FOR 4/2/15
Defining the term "acting on behalf of a public agency"; requiring that a public agency contract for services include a statement providing the name and telephone number of the public agency's custodian of records; specifying circumstances under which a court may assess and award reasonable costs of enforcement against a public agency or contractor, etc.

SB 616 – Education Accountability by Legg – READ 2ND TIME; AMENDED; SUBSTITUTED FOR HB 7069; SB 616 LAID ON THE TABLE
Revising the powers of the State Board of Education to require adoption of rules regarding notification forms for grade 3 retention and midyear promotion, and high school graduation requirements and options; removing the requirement that English Language Arts statewide assessments be administered to students in grade 11; revising requirements for a district school board's comprehensive student progression plan; specifying alternative assessments that may be accepted by public postsecondary educational institutions in lieu of the common placement test, etc.
[NOTE: The bill was amended by a "strike all" amendment and was then amended further. The Senate then substituted the House version of the bill – HB 7069 (see below) – and laid SB 616 on the table. Partly because time was running out in today's Session, HB 7069 was temporarily postponed on 2nd Reading. It is assumed that the Senate will take up the bill on 2nd Reading tomorrow and will continue with the amendatory process. We are still sorting through the amendments that were approved today and identifying the areas in which the two versions of the bill still differ. We will be able to give you a better idea of where things stand tomorrow.]

HB 7069 – Education Accountability by Education – READ 2ND TIME; SUBSTITUTED FOR SB 616; TEMPORARILY POSTPONED ON 2ND READING
Revises provisions relating to uniform opening date of public schools, high-performing school districts, student & parent rights, student remediation, scholar designation for standard high school diploma, statewide standardized assessment program, administration & proctoring of assessments, student progression, student evaluation for college readiness, research-based reading instruction allocation, salary schedules, evaluation procedures & criteria, teacher certification, & professional development.

In the House **SESSION:**

Bills on 2nd Reading:

HB 5001 – 2015-2016 Appropriations by Appropriations -- READ 2ND TIME; PLACED ON 3RD READING FOR 4/2/15

Provides moneys for annual period beginning July 1, 2015, & ending June 30, 2016, & supplemental appropriations for period ending June 30, 2015, to pay salaries & other expenses, capital outlay—buildings & other improvements, & for other specified purposes of various agencies of state government.

HB 5003 – 2015-2016 Appropriations Implementing Bill by Appropriations – READ 2ND TIME; PLACED ON 3RD READING FOR 4/2/15

Implements specific appropriations of the General Appropriations Act for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

HB 5005 – FRS / Employer Contributions by Appropriations – READ 2ND TIME; PLACED ON 3RD READING FOR 4/2/15

Increases employer contribution to retiree health insurance subsidy for members of state-administered plan; increases employer contribution to health insurance subsidy for members of Elected Officers' Class; increases employer contribution to health insurance subsidy for members of Senior Management Service Class; increases employer contribution to health insurance subsidy for members of Regular, Special Risk, & Special Risk Administrative Support Classes; revises amount of employer contributions to FRS for 2015-2016 fiscal year; provides findings of important state interest.

HB 5011 – Best & Brightest Teacher Scholarship Program by Appropriations – TEMPORARILY POSTPONED ON 2ND READING

Establishes Florida Best & Brightest Teacher Scholarship Program within DOE; provides legislative intent; provides for funding, eligibility, & disbursement of funds; defines term "school district" for purposes of act.

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[REMINDER: Most meetings may be viewed via Florida Channel webcasts at <http://thefloridachannel.org>]

The House Judiciary Committee will meet (8:00 – 10:30 am) to consider the following items and others:

HB 19 – School Safety by Steube

Permits school superintendent, with approval of the school board, to authorize school safety designee to carry concealed weapon or firearm on school property; provides requirements for school safety designees; provides exception to prohibition on possession of firearms or other specified devices on school property or other specified areas; provides for fingerprint processing & retention; requires that fees be borne by school safety designee or school; requires school boards to formulate policies & procedures for dealing with active shooters & hostage situations in

consultation with law enforcement; requires district school boards & private schools allow campus tours by local law enforcement agencies for specified purposes & that their recommendations be documented; permits district school boards to commission one or more school safety officers on each school campus.

HB 4005 – Licenses to Carry Concealed Weapons by Steube

Deletes provision prohibiting concealed carry licensees from openly carrying handgun or carrying concealed weapon or firearm into college or university facility.

The Senate **Education Appropriations Subcommittee** will meet (9:00 – 11:00 am) to consider:

SB 118 – Voluntary Contributions for Education Facilities by Hays

Authorizing a participating business that registers with the Department of Revenue to solicit and collect contributions from its customers for the construction and maintenance of public education facilities; providing registration requirements; requiring a participating business to file a return and remit contributions to the department within a specified timeframe; including voluntary contributions as a source of funding for the Public Education Capital Outlay and Debt Service Trust Fund, etc.

SB 518 – Voluntary Prekindergarten Program by Gibson

Revising provisions relating to calculation of the kindergarten readiness rate for Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program providers and schools; requiring the administration of a preassessment and postassessment to students based upon adopted performance standards, etc.

SB 530 – Bullying and Harassment Policies in Schools by Ring

Requiring school districts to revise their bullying and harassment policies at specified intervals; specifying that a school district policy require a school to implement the policy in a certain manner and integrate it with the school's bullying prevention and intervention program, etc.

SB 574 – Electronic Auction Services by Montford

Revising the powers and duties of the district school board to authorize the adoption of rules regarding procurement practices; authorizing a district school board's use of electronic auction services in conjunction with bid pooling for school buses and related purchases, etc.

SB 622 – Higher Educational Facilities Financing by Montford

Expanding the definition of the term "project" as it relates to the Higher Educational Facilities Financing Act, etc.

SB 874 – Dual Enrollment Program by Stargel

Exempting dual enrollment students from paying certain fees, including technology fees; deleting the requirement that a home education secondary student be responsible for his or her own instructional materials in order to participate in the dual enrollment program; authorizing certain instructional materials to be made available free of charge to dual enrollment students in public high schools, home education

programs, and private schools, etc.

SB 880 – Student Loan Default Rates by Ring

Requiring certain institutions to maintain a federal student loan cohort default rate below a specified percentage; revising the minimum standards the Commission for Independent Education must use to evaluate an institution for licensure to include the institution's federal student loan cohort default rate; revising the minimum criteria for an independent postsecondary educational institution to apply for a license by accreditation to include a maximum percentage for the institution's federal student loan cohort default rate, etc.

SB 954 – Involuntary Examinations of Minors by Garcia

Requiring school health services plans to include notification requirements when a student is removed from school, school transportation, or a school-sponsored activity for involuntary examination; requiring a receiving facility to provide notice of the whereabouts of an adult or emancipated minor patient held for involuntary examination; providing conditions for delay in notification, etc.

SB 1020 – Student Transportation Funding by Simmons

Revising the membership of students that a school district reports for transportation funding purposes; revising the school transportation allocation formula used by each school district; revising the types of students eligible for transportation funds used for transportation to and from school in private passenger cars and boats, etc.

SB 1116 – Literacy Jump Start Pilot Project by Abruzzo

Requiring the Office of Early Learning to establish the pilot project in St. Lucie County to assist low-income, at-risk children in developing emergent literacy skills; requiring the office to select an organization to implement the pilot project; encouraging the coordination of basic health screening and immunization services in conjunction with emergent literacy instruction, etc.

SB 1262 – Education by Legg

Requiring the Department of Education to have an operating electronic IEP system in place for statewide use; authorizing the Commissioner of Education to issue a letter of guidance in response to a complaint against a teacher or administrator in lieu of a probable cause determination, etc.

SB 1264 – Digital Classrooms by Legg

Establishing requirements for digital classrooms technology infrastructure planning by the Agency for State Technology or a contracted organization; requiring the Office of Technology and Information Services of the Department of Education to consult with the Agency for State Technology in developing the 5-year strategic plan for Florida digital classrooms; specifying conditions for a school district to maintain eligibility for Florida digital classrooms allocation funds, etc.

SB 1552 – Parent and Student Rights by Benacquisto

Providing the right of a parent to know the average amount of money expended for the education of his or her child; deleting the definition of and provisions relating to

controlled open enrollment; requiring each school district to instead establish a public school parental choice policy that allows students to attend any public school that has not reached capacity in their district; requiring each school district board to establish a classroom teacher transfer process for parents, approve or deny a request within a certain timeframe, and post an explanation of the transfer process in the student handbook, etc.

SB 7046 – Education by Education PreK-12

Requiring a state research university to enter into and maintain a formal agreement with a specified organization to offer college-sponsored merit scholarship awards as a condition of designation as a preeminent state research university; authorizing a low-performing elementary school to administer the required additional hours of instruction in a summer program; revising the types and amounts of bonuses that a teacher may receive in any given school year, etc.

SB 7050 – Digital Classrooms by Governmental Oversight

Requiring the Agency for State Technology to establish and publish information technology architecture standards for purposes of implementing digital classrooms by a specified date; requiring the agency's annual assessment of the Department of Education to review specified issues with respect to school district digital classrooms plans and to provide planning assistance to address and reduce issues identified by the assessment, etc.

The House will be in **SESSION** (11:00 am – completion of business) to consider the the following items and others:

Bills on 3rd Reading:

HB 5001 – 2015-2016 Appropriations by Appropriations

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HB 5003 – 2015-2016 Appropriations Implementing Bill by Appropriations

Implementing the 2015-2016 General Appropriations Act: Implements specific appropriations of the General Appropriations Act for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

HB 5005 – FRS / Employer Contributions by Appropriations

Increases employer contribution to retiree health insurance subsidy for members of state-administered plan; increases employer contribution to health insurance subsidy for members of Elected Officers' Class; increases employer contribution to health insurance subsidy for members of Senior Management Service Class; increases employer contribution to health insurance subsidy for members of Regular, Special Risk, & Special Risk Administrative Support Classes; revises amount of employer contributions to FRS for 2015-2016 fiscal year; provides findings of important state interest.

The Senate Fiscal Policy Committee will meet (11:30 am – 1:00 pm) to consider the following items and others:

SB 960 – Bright Futures Scholarship Program by T. Lee

Requiring a student, as a prerequisite for the Florida Academic Scholars award, the Florida Medallion Scholars award, or the Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award, to identify a social or civic issue or a professional area of interest and develop a plan for his or her personal involvement in addressing the issue or learning about the area; prohibiting the student from receiving remuneration or academic credit for the volunteer service work performed, etc.

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Providing that the initial award and renewal period for students who are unable to accept an initial award immediately after completion of high school due to a full-time religious or service obligation begins upon the completion of the religious or service obligation, etc.

SB 7002 – Workforce Services by Commerce & Tourism

Renaming Workforce Florida, Inc., as CareerSource Florida, Inc., etc.

The Senate will be in **SESSION** will meet (2:00 – 6:00 pm) to consider the following items and others:

Bills on 3rd Reading:

SB 224 – Public Records/Contractors by Simpson

Requiring that a public agency contract for services include a statement providing the contact information of the public agency's custodian of records; revising required provisions in a public agency contract for services regarding a contractor's compliance with public records laws; specifying applicable penalties for a contractor who fails to provide requested records; specifying circumstances under which a court may assess and award reasonable costs of enforcement against a public agency or contractor, etc.

Bills on 2nd Reading:

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Requiring a state research university to enter into and maintain a formal agreement with a specified organization to offer college-sponsored merit scholarship awards as a condition of designation as a preeminent state research university; revising the term "full-time student" for the purposes of the Florida Education Finance Program; requiring supplemental academic instruction categorical funds and research-based reading instruction allocation funds to be used by a school district with at least one of certain lowest-performing elementary schools for additional intensive reading instruction at such school during the summer program in addition to the school year, etc.

HB 7069 – Education Accountability by Education

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standard high school diploma, statewide standardized assessment program, administration & proctoring of assessments, student progression, student evaluation for college readiness, research-based reading instruction allocation, salary schedules, evaluation procedures & criteria, teacher certification, & professional development.

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

FSBA LEGISLATIVE VIDEO UPDATE #6

Our Video Update for the 6th week of the 2015 Legislative Session has been posted on the FSBA website at www.fsba.org – you may access the video by clicking on the link to 2015 Legislative Session Video Update 6 under “Legislative Session Updates” (located below the pictures on our main page) or by using this direct link: <http://www.fsba.org/2015-legislative-weekly-video-update-6/>. This Video Update features FSBA Interim Executive Director Bill Graham discussing concerns about a provision in the House charter schools bill -- HB 7037 – relating to the use of district 1.5 mill capital outlay revenue to fund charter school construction projects. The video also provides an overview of the changes to the state assessment and accountability system that are contained in HB 7069 which passed the Legislature last week and an update on the House public school choice bill, HB 1145. You will find additional information and resources posted with Video #6 to assist you in your advocacy on these issues.

TODAY’S HAPPENINGS

There were no legislative committee meetings of interest today.

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The House Judiciary Committee will meet (9:00 am – 12:00 pm) to consider the following item and others:

HB 845 – Sexting by DuBose

Removes court's discretion to impose specified penalty for first violation of sexting; requires minor cited for first violation to sign & accept citation to appear or, in lieu of appearing, to complete other sanctions; requires citation to include certain information; authorizes court to order certain penalties; requires specified percentage of civil penalties be remitted to county commission for cyber-safety training for minors.

The House State Affairs Committee will meet (9:00 am – 12:00 pm) to consider the following items and others:

HB 65 – Public Records / Public-Private Partnerships by Steube

Provides exemption from public records requirements & public meetings requirements for unsolicited proposals held by responsible public entity for specified period;

provides definition; requires that recording be made of closed meeting; provides exemption from public records requirements for records generated during closed meeting for specified period; provides for future legislative review & repeal of exemptions; provides statement of public necessity; provides for contingent effect.

HB 163 – Public Records/Contractors by Beshears

Requires certain public agency contracts for services to include contact information of custodian of public records; revises provision in such contracts regarding contractor's compliance with public records laws; requires records request relating to such contracts be made to agency; requires contractor to produce requested records; specifies penalties & attorney fee awards for reasonable costs of enforcement.

HB 585 – Holidays & Observances / Sir Lancelot Jones by Raschein

Designates second Monday in October of each year as "Sir Lancelot Jones Day" in Miami-Dade & Monroe Counties; encourages public officials, schools, private organizations, & citizens in Miami-Dade & Monroe Counties to commemorate occasion.

HB 1063 – Government Accountability by Metz

Revises audit provisions to exclude water management districts; revises responsibilities of department heads, Supreme Court, Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation, Justice Administrative Commission, each state attorney & public defender, criminal conflict & civil regional counsel, capital collateral counsel, Guardian Ad Litem program, local governmental entities, & governing bodies of charter schools to include responsibility of establishing certain internal controls; requires each Florida College System institution to file certain annual financial statements with State Board of Education; requires each school district, Florida College System institution, & state university to establish certain internal controls.

The House **Economic Affairs Committee** will meet (9:30 am – 12:00 pm) to consider the following items and others:

HB 231 – Transportation by Passidomo

Revises provisions relating to rights & safety of vulnerable users of public roadway; prohibits assault of bicycle riders; revises provisions for careless driving; provides penalties for specified infractions contributing to bodily injury or death.

HB 933 – Growth Management by La Rosa

Limits amount of mobility & impact fees under certain conditions; revises provisions regarding developments of regional impacts; revises provisions regarding detailed specific area plans; authorizes substitution of recorded conservation easements for other lands under specified circumstances; allows consumptive use permits to be as long as approved master development orders; revises provisions regarding regional planning councils; revises provisions for governmental funding as a result of ground subsidence; creates a pilot project for Pasco County as a connected-city corridor; requires governments to address private property rights in comprehensive plans; prohibits local governments from requiring fee for certain tree removal. [NOTE: This bill contains some provisions that give rise to questions and concerns, including one

that would limit the amount that school districts could collect! in proportionate share mitigation.]

The Senate will be in **SESSION** (10:00 am – 12:00 pm) to consider the following items and others:

Bills on 3rd Reading:

SB 802 – Vocational Rehabilitation by D. Gaetz

Providing for the future repeal of the designation of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation as the administrative unit for purposes of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973, subject to legislative review of a required report; requiring the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation to initiate, by a specified date, a performance improvement plan designed to achieve specified goals; requiring the division to develop and implement a pilot program to improve the state vocational rehabilitation program, etc.

HB 7019 – Workforce Services by Economic Development & Tourism

Renames Workforce Florida, Inc., as CareerSource Florida, Inc.; creates task force on preparation for state's implementation of federal Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act; provides membership & duties of task force; requires task force to submit report & recommendations for approval by CareerSource Florida, Inc.; requires CareerSource Florida, Inc., to submit specified state plan to USDOL; provides for abolishment of task force.

Bills on 2nd Reading:

SB 778 – Local Government Construction Preferences by Hays

Prohibiting local ordinances and regulations from restricting competition for the award of a contract for construction services based upon certain conditions; requiring a state college, county, municipality, school district, or other political subdivision of the state to make specified disclosures in competitive solicitation documents, etc.

SB 378 – Juvenile Justice by Garcia

Authorizing a law enforcement officer to issue a warning to a juvenile who admits having committed a misdemeanor or to inform the child's parent or guardian of the child's infraction; requiring a law enforcement officer who does not exercise one of these options to issue a civil citation or require participation in a similar diversion program; providing that, in exceptional situations, a law enforcement officer may arrest a first-time misdemeanor offender in the interest of protecting public safety, etc.

SB 960 – Bright Futures Scholarship Program by T. Lee

Requiring a student, as a prerequisite for the Florida Academic Scholars award, the Florida Medallion Scholars award, or the Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award, to identify a social or civic issue or a professional area of interest and develop a plan for his or her personal involvement in addressing the issue or learning about the area; prohibiting the student from receiving remuneration or academic credit for the volunteer service work performed, etc.

SB 538 – Disclosure of Sexually Explicit Images by Simmons

Prohibiting an individual from electronically disclosing a sexually explicit image of an identifiable person with the intent to harass such person if the individual knows or should have known that such person did not consent to the disclosure; requiring a court to order that a person convicted of such offense be prohibited from having contact with the victim, etc.

SB 954 – Involuntary Examinations of Minors by Garcia

Requiring school health services plans to include notification requirements when a student is removed from school, school transportation, or a school-sponsored activity for involuntary examination; requiring a receiving facility to provide notice of the whereabouts of an adult or emancipated minor patient held for involuntary examination; providing conditions for delay in notification, etc.

The House **Regulatory Affairs Committee** will meet (1:00 – 6:00 pm) to consider the following item and others:

HB 915 – Building Codes by Eagle

Revises requirements for building code inspector, plans examiner, & building code administrator training programs & exams; revises provisions regarding provisional certificates for building code inspectors & plans examiners; revises provisions for making claims against the Florida Homeowners' Construction Recovery Fund; revises provisions concerning regulation of portable pools under certain circumstances; exempts low voltage landscape lighting from certain contractor installation requirements; specifies duties of local enforcement agency in permitting & inspecting certain repairs; directs certain funds from Florida Building Code Compliance & Mitigation Program; authorizes local building official to issue phased permits for construction part of building; revises provisions related to Building Code Compliance & Mitigation Program & accreditation of courses related to code; authorizes Underwriters Laboratories, LLC, as approved evaluation entity.

The Senate **Health & Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee** will meet (1:30 – 3:30 pm) to consider the following item and others:

SB 7006 – Early Learning by Education PreK-12

Including large family child care homes in local zoning regulation requirements; revising certain minimum standards for child care facilities; providing for the inspection of programs regulated by the department; providing exemptions from child care facility licensing standards; revising restrictions on residential property insurance coverage to include coverage for large family child care homes; authorizing a district school board or charter school governing board to adopt a policy to allow a child to be admitted to a public kindergarten if the child meets certain requirements, etc.

I hope you find this information useful. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

FSBA 2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION SUMMARY -- PART I

FSBA's Legislative Session Summary – Part I provides detailed summaries of the education related bills that were passed during the regular Session. In addition to the detailed Summary, we have conducted two Education Legislation Webinars on these bills. The first webinar focused on HB 7069 and the changes to Florida's system of assessment and accountability. The second webinar presented an overview of several other education related bills. Our detailed Legislative Session Summary – Part I, our webinar presentation slides, a DOE presentation on HB 7069, and other materials are all posted on the FSBA website on our 2015 Session Resource Center at <http://fsba.org/2015-legislative-session!-resource-center/>.

In addition to our detailed bill summaries in Part I of our Session Summary, we encourage you to review both our webinar presentation on HB 7069 and the DOE presentation titled “Information on HB 7069” (presented at the FOIL Spring Conference) because they contain information that was not available at the time that we completed Part I of our Session Summary. Of particular interest, these more recent documents provide several clarifications on the implementation of SB 7069, including the provision that, because of the unavailability of independently verified statewide assessment results in Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry, school districts should calculate final course grades and make promotion decisions without regard to the 30% requirement that typically applies. We will continue to provide updates as additional information becomes available.

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

The legislature convened Special Session 2015-A this afternoon. The leaders of both chambers expressed their desire to resolve their remaining budget differences and begin the budget conference process promptly – perhaps as early as this weekend. The appropriations chair in each chamber has re-filed several budget-related bills that are identical to what each chamber passed during the regular session. Among other things, this means that the education funding portions of each budget remains the same and our comparison of those budgets remains accurate. However, we anticipate that both chambers will make some adjustments to their education budgets during the Special Session – at the very least, adjustments will need to be made to reflect increased ! student enrollment figures and related changes from the FEFP 4th Calculation. In addition, there is concern that education funding may be further reduced to accommodate resolution of the outstanding healthcare issues, funding for the implementation of Amendment 1, and/or the provision of a tax cut package. This concern has spurred Governor Scott to call for the Legislature provide total education funding of \$7,126 per-student. FSBA encourages you to contact your legislators to

urge them to safeguard education funding from reduction as they resolve other budget issues and/or seek tax cuts. Please remind your legislators that, although projected student enrollment has increased since the Governor, House, and Senate released their original budgets, the Legislature still holds substantial revenue reserves and still has the opportunity to prioritize education and reach a record level of per-student funding. *[NOTE: To refresh your memory of where things stand as of today, our House-Senate education budget comparison and each chamber's FEFP summary are still posted on our 2015 Session Resource Center located at <http://fsba.org/2015-legislative-session-resource-center/>.]*

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[NOTES: House and Senate Rules provide that, during a Special Session, committee meetings may be called with notice provided only 2 hours in advance. Hence, we cannot always predict when meetings may be called and the agenda for such a meeting may not be available for our Updates. We will, as always, make every effort to keep you informed, but you may wish to regularly check the House and Senate websites: House -- <http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/>; Senate -- <http://www.flsenate.gov/>. In addition, please remember that most meetings are available via Florida Channel webcasts at <http://thefloridachannel.org/>.]

At this time, there are two committee meetings scheduled for Tuesday, neither of which appear to have any direct relation to education funding. However, the meetings are listed below with some notes for your information.

The House Finance & Tax Committee will meet – 10:00 am-12:00 pm.

The agenda for this meeting is not available, but it is expected that the Committee will be discussing, among other things, a proposed tax cut package. *[NOTE: During the regular 2015 Session, the House tax cut package was valued at about \$690 million. House Finance & Tax Committee Chair Matt Gaetz has suggested that the package might be pared down to a value of approximately \$400 million.]*

The Senate Appropriations Committee will meet – 11:00 am – 4:00 pm.

The Committee will consider SB 2-A -- Health Insurance Affordability Exchange.

[NOTE: Concerns abound that the Special Session has begun without legislative leaders having reached agreement on how to handle the main issue that led to the budget impasse that triggered the need for a special session – LIP funding and Medicaid expansion. The federal government has indicated that it will provide about \$1 billion in LIP funding for 2015-2016 (compared to nearly \$2.2 billion provided in the current year). Although the Senate is expected to revise its proposal somewhat, it is evident that the House remains staunchly opposed to an expansion of Medicaid that would provide insurance coverage for the uninsured poor that would decrease the need for LIP funding.]

I hope you find this information useful. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

FSBA LEGISLATIVE VIDEO UPDATE #2

Our Video Update for the 2nd week of the 2015 Legislative Session has been posted on the FSBA website at www.fsba.org – you may access the video by clicking on the link to 2015 Legislative Session Video Update 2 under “Legislative Session Updates” (located below the pictures on our main page) or by using this direct link: <http://fsba.org/2015-legislative-weekly-video-update-2/>. This Video Update features FSBA President Patty Hightower discussing the events and value of the FSBA Day in the Legislature Conference; FSBA Legislative Committee Chair Carol Cook discussing the main House and Senate bills relating to Assessment & Accountability -- HB 7069 & SB 616; and FSBA Interim Executive Director Bill Graham discussing bills relating to the school start date – HB 349 & SB 688 and HB 7069. Please review the advocacy notes that accompany this Video Update and contact your legislators to express your support and/or concerns about these bills.

TODAY’S HAPPENINGS

In the Senate Finance & Tax Committee:

SB 110 – Communications Services Taxes by Hukill – AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE (CS)

Reducing the tax rate applied to the sale of communications services; reducing the tax rate applied to the retail sale of direct-to-home satellite services; revising the allocation of tax revenue received from the communications services tax; revising the distributions of tax revenue received from the sales and use tax, communications services tax, and gross receipts tax, etc.

SB 118 – Voluntary Contributions for Education Facilities by Hays – AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A CS

Authorizing a participating business that registers with the Department of Revenue to solicit and collect contributions from its customers for the construction and maintenance of public education facilities; providing registration requirements; requiring a participating business to file a return and remit contributions to the department within a specified timeframe; including voluntary contributions as a source of funding for the Public Education Capital Outlay and Debt Service Trust Fund, etc.

In the Senate Higher Education Committee:

SB 176 – Licenses to Carry Concealed Weapons by Evers -- PASSED

Deleting a provision prohibiting concealed carry licensees from openly carrying a handgun or carrying a concealed weapon or firearm into a college or university facility, etc.

SB 622 – Higher Educational Facilities Financing by Montford – PASSED
Expanding the definition of the term “project” as it relates to the Higher Educational Facilities Financing Act, etc.

In the Senate **Education Appropriations Subcommittee**:

SB 154 – Hazardous Walking Conditions by Hays – PASSED

Revising criteria that determine a hazardous walking condition for public school students; requiring a district school board to correct hazardous walking conditions and provide transportation to students who would be subjected to hazardous walking conditions; requiring state or local governmental entities with jurisdiction over a road with a hazardous walking condition to correct the condition within a reasonable period of time, etc.

SB 688 – Opening and Closing of Public Schools by Montford – AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A CS

Revising a requirement for the uniform opening date of public schools to set the date as no earlier than 21 days (rather than 14 days) before Labor Day; providing that academically high-performing school districts must comply with provisions relating to the uniform opening date of public schools, etc. [NOTE: Today’s amendment revised the opening date of school to be no earlier than the 3rd Monday in August (rather than the bill’s original language calling for a start date no earlier than 21 days before Labor Day). FSBA supports a revision to the school start date that will ensure an opening date that provides sufficient time to allow students to complete the first semester, including completion of semester exams, prior to the federally recognized holidays in December.]

SB 818 – Maximum Class Size by Garcia – AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A CS
Requiring the calculation of a school district’s class size categorical allocation reduction at the school average when maximum class size requirements are not met; revising the calculation, etc.

The Committee also discussed the “Technology Gap” – on both a statewide and individual district level – with regard to devices, bandwidth, wireless access, and other indicators of the gap between district technology readiness and remaining needs. In addition, the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) presented a summary of its study on the effects of providing an additional hour of instruction in the lowest performing elementary schools. In brief, the study indicates that the additional hour is producing positive effects in the participating schools. Finally, Subcommittee Chair Don Gaetz stated that he would release his education budget proposal on Tuesday. [NOTE: You may access the DOE’s Technology Gap Analysis and a summary of the OPPAGA study at the end of today’s Meeting Packet (see pages 37-60 of the packet).]

In the House **Education Appropriations Subcommittee**, Subcommittee chair Fresen outlined his education budget proposal for FY 2015-2016. In brief, the Chair

is proposing an increase in FEFP funding of \$764 million that generates and increase of \$214.74 in funds per student, for a total of \$7,129.74 per student (3.11% increase over current year). We will provide more details of the education budget after the Senate Education Appropriations Subcommittee Chair Gaetz releases his initial budget proposal. **[NOTE: You may access an outline of Chair Fresen's proposed education budget in today's Meeting Packet.]**

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[REMINDER: Florida Channel webcasts available at <http://thefloridachannel.org>]

The House **Government Operations Subcommittee** will meet (8:00 – 11:00 am) to consider the following items and others:

HB 583 – Single-Sex Public Facilities by Artiles

*Provides purpose & legislative findings; requires that use of single-sex public facilities be restricted to persons of sex for which facility is designated; prohibits knowingly & willfully entering single-sex public facility designated for or restricted to persons of other sex; provides criminal penalties; provides private cause of action against violators; provides exemptions; provides applicability with respect to other laws; provides for preemption. **[NOTE: FSBA has grave concerns about how the provisions of this bill may be applied in public schools and the potential this may have on the bullying and harassment of students.]***

HB 913 – State Board of Administration by Trumbull

Provides for distribution of Fund B Surplus Funds Trust Fund assets to certain participants; repeals provisions relating to investments in institutions doing business in or with Northern Ireland.

HB 1283 – Inspectors General by Rader

Requires Chief Inspector General to publish final investigative reports on EOG's website; requires agency inspector general to publish final investigative reports on agency's website; requires unit of local government to publish final investigative reports on its website; specifies when investigation becomes final.

HB 1309 – Publicly Funded Retirement Plans by Drake

Requires that actuarial reports for certain retirement plans include mortality tables; revises information to be included in defined benefit system or plan's annual report to DMS; provides declaration of important state interest.

The Senate **Community Affairs Committee** will meet (9:00-10:30 am) to consider the following items and others:

SB 824 – Public-Private Partnerships by Evers

Deleting provisions creating the Public-Private Partnership Guidelines Task Force; deleting a provision that requires approval of the local governing body before a school board enters into a comprehensive agreement; revising the conditions necessary for a responsible public entity to approve a comprehensive agreement; deleting provisions relating to notice to affected local jurisdictions, etc.

SB 826 – Public Records / Public-Private Partnerships by Evers

Transferring, renumbering, and amending provisions relating to qualifying public-private projects for public facilities and infrastructure; providing an exemption from public records requirements for unsolicited proposals received by a responsible public entity for a specified period; providing an exemption from public meeting requirements for any portion of a meeting of a responsible public entity during which exempt proposals are discussed; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemptions; providing a statement of public necessity, etc.

SB 782 – County Officers by Montford

Providing that the salaries of a clerk of circuit court, county comptroller, sheriff, supervisor of elections, property appraiser, tax collector, and district school superintendent may not be decreased under specific circumstances as the county population increases, etc.

SB 972 – Value Adjustment Boards by Flores

Establishing deadlines for value adjustment boards to complete final tax roll certifications; revising the interest rate upon which unpaid and overpaid ad valorem taxes accrue; authorizing the district school board and district county commission to audit certain expenses of the value adjustment board; revising the entities that may represent a taxpayer before the value adjustment board, etc.

SB 1114 – Associations of Government Officials by Stargel

Requiring a membership association that receives more than a specified percentage of its budget from public funds to file a report with the Legislature; prohibiting a membership association whose membership dues are paid for by public funds from expending such funds on litigation against the state, etc.

The Senate **Governmental Oversight & Accountability Committee** will meet (9:00-10:30 am) to consider the following items and others:

SB 778 – Local Government Construction Preferences by Hays

Prohibiting local ordinances and regulations from restricting a certified contractor's competition for award of a contract for construction services based upon certain conditions; requiring a state college, school district, or other political subdivision to make specified disclosures in competitive solicitation documents, etc.

Proposed Committee Bill (PCB) SB 7050 – Digital Classrooms by Governmental Oversight

Requiring the Agency for State Technology to establish and publish information technology architecture standards for purposes of implementing digital classrooms by a specified date; requiring the agency's annual assessment of the Department of Education to review specified issues with respect to school district digital classrooms plans and to provide planning assistance to address and reduce issues identified by the assessment, etc.

The Senate Health Policy Committee will meet (9:00-10:30 am) to consider the following item and others:

SB 628 – Behavior Analysts by Bean

Establishing the Board of Applied Behavior Analysis within the Division of Medical Quality Assurance; including licensed behavior analysts and licensed assistant behavior analysts in the definition of "health care practitioner"; providing requirements for initial licensure as a behavior analyst or assistant behavior analyst; providing penalties for practicing applied behavior analysis or for identifying oneself as a licensed behavior analyst or licensed assistant behavior analyst without a license, etc.

The House Government Operations Appropriations Subcommittee will meet (12:30-2:30 pm) to consider the following item and others:

HB 163 – Public Records/Contractors by Beshears

Requires public agency contract for services to include name & contact information of custodian of public records; revises provision in such contract regarding contractor's compliance with public records laws; requires records request relating to such contract be made to agency; requires contractor to produce requested records; specifies penalties & attorney fee awards for reasonable cost of enforcement.

The Senate Education Appropriations Subcommittee will meet (2:00-5:00 pm) to review the Chair's budget proposal for FY 2015-2016.

The House will be in **SESSION** (3:00 pm-completion of day's agenda) to consider the following item and others on the Special Order Calendar:

HB 7069 – Education Accountability by Education

Revises provisions relating to uniform opening date of public schools, high-performing school districts, student & parent rights, student remediation, scholar designation for standard high school diploma, statewide standardized assessment program, administration & proctoring of assessments, student progression, student evaluation for college readiness, research-based reading instruction allocation, salary schedules, evaluation procedures & criteria, teacher certification, & professional development.

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FSBA LEGISLATIVE VIDEO UPDATE #3

Our Video Update for the 3rd week of the 2015 Legislative Session has been posted on the FSBA website at www.fsba.org – you may access the video by clicking on the link to 2015 Legislative Session Video Update 3 under “Legislative Session Updates” (located below the pictures on our main page) or by using this direct link: <http://www.fsba.org/2015-legislative-weekly-video-update-3/>. This Video Update features Bill Graham giving a quick recap of the major bills that were considered last week, including the House version of the Education Accountability Bill – HB 7069 – which passed the House and is now awaiting consideration in the Senate. In addition, the video provides an overview of the initial budget proposals set forth by each chairman of the House and Senate Education Appropriations Committees. Please review the advocacy notes that accompany this Video Update and contact your legislators to express your support and/or concerns about these bills.

EDUCATION BUDGET UPDATE

Since filming the Video Update #3 (outlined above), the House and Senate have each released the first DRAFT of their full budget proposals which provide a great deal more detail and information than was available last week. We are working to update and expand our comparison chart and analyses of these materials and will notify you when they are available on the FSBA website. Meanwhile, our “at-a-glance” chart comparing the various budget proposals as of Friday is still available at <http://fsba.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/FEFP-Comparison3.18.5.pdf>. It is important to remember that we are still at the beginning of the budget process and both chambers will be considering and amending their budget proposals later this week. We will continue to keep you informed as the budget process moves forward.

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

In the Senate Community Affairs Committee:

SB 850 – Local Government / Impact Fees by Hays – TEMPORARILY POSTPONED

Authorizing the use of impact fees to provide, construct, improve, repair, alter, or replace new and existing capital facilities; authorizing a county or municipality to impose a surcharge on documents taxable under s. 201.02, F.S., for the purpose of funding certain capital improvements and capital facilities in lieu of impact fees; prohibiting a county or municipality that imposes a surcharge for an authorized purpose from also assessing an impact fee for the same purpose, etc.

SB 1054 – Retirement by Evers -- PASSED

Authorizing local agency employers to reassess designation of positions for inclusion in the Senior Management Service Class; providing for removal of certain positions, etc.

SB 934 – Public Works Projects by Brandes – FAILED; PENDING RECONSIDERATION

Prohibiting state and political subdivisions that contract for the construction, maintenance, repair, or improvement of public works from imposing certain conditions on certain contractors, subcontractors, or material suppliers or carriers; providing an exception; prohibiting state and political subdivisions from restricting qualified bidders from submitting bids, being awarded any bid or contract, or performing work on a public works project, etc.

In the Senate Criminal Justice Committee:

SB 180 – School Safety by Evers -- PASSED

Permitting a school superintendent, with approval of the school board, to authorize a school safety designee to carry a concealed weapon or firearm on school property; requiring school boards to formulate policies and procedures for managing active-shooter and hostage situations; permitting district school boards to commission one or more school safety officers on each school campus, etc.

SB 1112 – Sexting by Abruzzo – NOT CONSIDERED

Providing penalties for specified crimes; providing for a private cause of action for damages, costs, and fees; providing for liability for an owner of public accommodations under certain circumstances for damages, costs, and fees, etc.

SB 1464 – Privacy / Public Facilities by Dean – NOT CONSIDERED

Providing penalties for specified crimes; providing for a private cause of action for damages, costs, and fees; providing for liability for an owner of public accommodations under certain circumstances for damages, costs, and fees, etc.

In the Senate Higher Education Committee:

SB 880 – Student Loan Default Rates by Ring – AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE (CS)

Requiring certain institutions to maintain a federal student loan cohort default rate below a specified percentage; revising the minimum standards the Commission for Independent Education must use to evaluate an institution for licensure to include the institution's federal student loan cohort default rate; revising the minimum criteria for an independent postsecondary educational institution to apply for a license by accreditation to include a maximum percentage for the institution's federal student loan cohort default rate, etc.

SB 938 – Postsecondary Education Affordability by Flores -- AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A CS

Exempting textbooks required for a course offered by a public or nonpublic postsecondary educational institution from the sales and use tax; requiring the Board

of Governors and the State Board of Education to identify strategies and initiatives to reduce the cost of higher education; prohibiting resident tuition at a Florida College System institution from exceeding a specified amount per credit hour; prohibiting resident undergraduate tuition at a state university from exceeding a specified amount per credit hour, etc.

SB 942 – Rapid Response Education & Training Program by D. Gaetz -- PASSED
Establishing the Rapid Response Education and Training Program within the Complete Florida Plus Program; requiring the Complete Florida Plus Program to work with Enterprise Florida, Inc., to offer certain education and training commitments to businesses, etc.

SB 948 – Career Education and Job Training by D. Gaetz -- AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A CS
Clarifying State Apprenticeship Advisory Council membership; revising characteristics of an apprenticeable occupation; revising funding to include career and professional academies; establishing the Rapid Response Education and Training Program within the Complete Florida Plus Program; requiring the Complete Florida Plus Program to work with Enterprise Florida, Inc., to offer education and training programs to businesses' employees, etc.

SB 1252 – Higher Education by Stargel -- AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A CS
Deleting a provision prohibiting the State Board of Education from approving Florida College System institution baccalaureate degree program proposals during a certain timeframe; revising accountability measures for the Department of Education regarding career education to include program standards that reflect the quality components of the career and technical education programs, etc.

SB 1522 – Workforce Training by Detert -- PASSED
Requiring the Department of Education, in collaboration with the Department of Economic Opportunity, to identify and recommend specified apprenticeship programs; requiring the Department of Education, in collaboration with the Department of Economic Opportunity, to identify and recommend specified preapprenticeship programs, etc.

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[REMINDER: Most meetings may be viewed via Florida Channel webcasts at <http://thefloridachannel.org>]

The House **Government Operations Subcommittee** will meet (8:00 am – 12:00 pm) to consider the following item(s) and others:

HB 585 – Holidays & Observances / Sir Lancelot Jones by Raschein
Designates second Monday in October of each year as "Sir Lancelot Jones Day"; authorizes Governor to issue proclamations commemorating occasion; encourages public officials, schools, private organizations, & citizens to commemorate occasion.

HB 599 – Exemption / Legislative Lobbying Requirements by Rogers

Revises definition of term "expenditure"; specifies that term does not include use of public facility or public property that is made available by governmental entity to legislator for public purpose, to exempt such use from legislative lobbying requirements.

HB 939 – Public Records / Florida ABLE Program by Rodrigues

Provides exemption from public records requirements for certain personal financial & health information held by Florida Prepaid College Board, Florida ABLE, Inc., Florida ABLE program, or agent or service provider thereof; authorizes release of such information under specified circumstances; provides for future legislative review & repeal of exemption; provides for contingent effect.

HB 1063 – Government Accountability by Metz

Revises audit provisions to exclude water management districts; revises responsibilities of department heads, Supreme Court, Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation, Justice Administrative Commission, each state attorney & public defender, criminal conflict & civil regional counsel, capital collateral counsel, Guardian Ad Litem program, local governmental entities, & governing bodies of charter schools to include responsibility of establishing certain internal controls; revises responsibilities of district school board's internal auditor to permit certain audits & reviews; requires each Florida College System institution to file certain annual financial statements with State Board of Education; requires each school district, Florida College System institution, & state university to establish certain internal controls.

HB 1083 – Employment of Individuals With Disabilities by Rooney

Provides legislative findings & purpose; requires specified state agencies & organizations to develop & implement interagency cooperative agreement for certain purposes; authorizes agencies & organizations to adopt rules.

The Senate will be in **SESSION** (10:00am – 12:00 pm) to consider the following items and others:

Bills on 3rd Reading:

SB 290 – Concealed Weapon / Evacuations by Brandes

Providing an exemption from criminal penalties for carrying a concealed weapon or a concealed firearm when evacuating pursuant to a mandatory evacuation order during a declared state of emergency, etc.

Bills on 2nd Reading:

SB 7024 – State Board of Administration by Government Oversight

Repealing provisions relating to restrictions on investments in institutions doing business in or with Northern Ireland; establishing conditions for the transfer of any residual balance in the Fund B Surplus Funds Trust Fund upon self-liquidation; requiring that additional income received after distribution of the residual balance be deposited in the Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund, etc.

The House **K-12 Subcommittee** will meet (10:00am – 12:00 pm) to consider:
HB 1253 – School District of Palm Beach County by Rooney
Allows district to install signs recognizing business partnerships.

HB 1045 – Homebound Instruction by Burgess
Defines "homebound instruction"; provides eligibility for certain students to receive homebound instruction, instruction requirements, & award of course credit; encourages school districts to pursue certain instruction methods; provides for rulemaking.

HB 1145 – Parent and Student Rights by Sprowls
Provides right of parent to know average amount of money expended for education of his or her child; requires DOE to provide each school district with such information & requires school districts to provide notification to parents; authorizes information to be published in student handbook or similar publication; deletes definition of and provisions relating to controlled open enrollment; requires each school district to instead establish a public school parental choice policy that allows students to attend any public school that has not reached capacity in their district; provides for student placement; defines term "capacity" for certain purposes; authorizes parent to enroll his or her child in any public school that has not reached capacity in state; requires charter school with space available to be open to any student in state; requires each school district board to establish classroom teacher transfer process & post an explanation of transfer process in student handbook; & authorizes certain parent to request that his or her child be transferred to another classroom teacher within school & grade.

The House **Education Appropriations Subcommittee** will meet (1:00 – 3:00 pm) to consider:

HB 35 – Out-of-State Fee Waivers / Veterans by Stark
Revises Congressman C. W. "Bill" Young Veteran Tuition Waiver Program to include out-of-state fee waivers for certain individuals receiving specified federal educational benefits.

HB 41 – Hazardous Walking Conditions by Metz
Revises criteria that determine hazardous walking conditions for public school students; revises procedures for inspection & identification of hazardous conditions; authorizes district school superintendents to initiate formal request for correction of hazardous conditions; requires district school boards to provide transportation to students who would be subjected to hazardous conditions; requires state or local entities with jurisdiction over roads with hazardous conditions to correct condition; provides requirements for governmental entities relating to capital improvement programs; provides requirements relating to civil actions for damages.

HB 587 – Educational Professional Practices by Spano
Authorizes certain employees or agents of DOE to have access to certain reports & records; requires DOE to provide liability insurance to certain persons; provides

coverage & notification requirements; revises membership of Education Practices Commission; authorizes Commissioner of Education to appoint emeritus members to commission; authorizes commissioner to issue letter of guidance in response to complaint against teacher or administrator in certain circumstances.

HB 7091 – Postsecondary Ed./Students with Disabilities by Higher Education
Creates "Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program Act"; establishes Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program & Florida Center for Students with Unique Abilities.

HB 7095 – Personal Learning Scholarship Accounts by Education
Revises provisions of Florida Personal Learning Scholarship Accounts Program relating to definitions, use of funds, terms of program, DOE obligations, commissioner authority & obligations, parent & student responsibilities, administration of accounts, funding & payments, & audits; revises provisions of Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program relating to applications & audits; provides requirements for use of program funds in Florida Prepaid College Program.

The Senate **Ethics & Elections Committee** will meet (4:00 – 6:00 pm) to consider the following items and others:

SB 984 – Exemption/Legislative Lobbying Requirements by Braynon
Revising the definition of the term "expenditure"; specifying that the term does not include use of a public facility or public property that is made available by a governmental entity to a legislator for a public purpose, to exempt such use from legislative lobbying requirements, etc.

SB 1372 – Government Accountability by D. Gaetz
Specifying that the Governor, the Commissioner of Education, or the designee of the Governor or of the Commissioner of Education may notify the Legislative Auditing Committee of an entity's failure to comply with certain auditing and financial reporting requirements; revising reporting requirements applicable to the Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation; expanding the types of governmental entities that are subject to lobbyist registration requirements; revising the responsibilities of the governing board of a charter school to include the establishment and maintenance of internal controls, etc.

The Senate **Judiciary Committee** will meet (4:00 – 6:00 pm) to consider the following items and others:

SB 330 – Missing Persons with Special Needs by Dean
Providing immunity from civil liability for certain persons who comply with a request to release information concerning missing persons with special needs to appropriate agencies; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement, contingent on funding, to provide electronic monitoring devices to certain persons with autism spectrum disorder; requiring the Department of Children and Families, contingent on funding, to provide electronic monitoring devices to certain persons with dementia, etc.

SB 718 – Administrative Procedures by T. Lee

Providing conditions under which a proceeding is not substantially justified for purposes of attorney fees and costs; requiring agencies to set a time for workshops for certain unadopted rules; conforming proceedings based on invalid or unadopted rules to proceedings used for challenging existing rules; providing criteria for establishing whether a nonprevailing party participated in a proceeding for an improper purpose; revising provisions providing for the award of attorney fees and costs by the appellate court or administrative law judge, etc.

I hope you find this information useful. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

In the House **Local Government Affairs Subcommittee:**

HB 383 – Private Property Rights by Edwards – AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE (CS)

Provides that settlement agreements between owners & governmental entities apply if issues are resolved; creates cause of action for damages caused by unconstitutional exaction of property in this state; authorizes award of certain amounts under certain circumstances.

In the House **Higher Education & Workforce Subcommittee:**

HB 747 – Bright Futures Scholarship Program by Rooney – AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A CS

Requires student, as prerequisite for Florida Academic Scholars award, Florida Medallion Scholars award, or Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award, to identify social or civic issue or professional area of interest & develop plan for personal involvement in addressing issue or learning about area; prohibits student from receiving remuneration or academic credit for volunteer service work. [NOTE: Today's amendment delays initial award and renewal period for students unable to accept an award immediately after completion of high school due to a religious or service obligation and revises eligibility requirements for the Bright Futures Scholarship Program for home education students.]

HB 4005 – Licenses to Carry Concealed Weapons by Steube --PASSED

Deletes provision prohibiting concealed carry licensees from openly carrying handgun or carrying concealed weapon or firearm into college or university facility.

In the Senate **SESSION:**

SB 290 – Concealed Weapon / Evacuations by Brandes – READ 2ND TIME; PLACED ON 3RD READING FOR 3/24/15

Providing an exemption from criminal penalties for carrying a concealed weapon or a concealed firearm when evacuating pursuant to a mandatory evacuation order during a declared state of emergency, etc.

In the Senate **Appropriations Committee:**

SB 258 – Property and Casualty Insurance by Brandes – AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A CS

Requiring the Office of Insurance Regulation to use certain models or methods, or a straight average of model results or output ranges, to estimate hurricane losses when determining whether the rates in a rate filing are excessive, inadequate, or unfairly discriminatory; increasing the length of time during which an insurer is not required to

adhere to certain models found by the Commission on Hurricane Loss Projection Methodology to be accurate or reliable in determining probable maximum loss levels with respect to certain rate filings, etc.

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Requiring that additional income received after distribution of the residual balance be deposited in the Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund; establishing conditions for the transfer of any residual balance in the Fund B Surplus Funds Trust Fund upon self-liquidation; repealing provisions relating to restrictions on investments in institutions doing business in or with Northern Ireland; etc.

In the House **SESSION:**

HB 7069 – Education Accountability by Education – READ 3RD TIME; PASSED THE HOUSE

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Exempting dual enrollment students from paying certain fees, including technology fees; deleting the requirement that a home education secondary student be responsible for his or her own instructional materials in order to participate in the dual enrollment program; authorizing certain instructional materials to be made available free of charge to dual enrollment students in public high schools, home education programs, and private schools, etc.

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Revising the membership of students that a school district reports for transportation funding purposes; revising the school transportation allocation formula used by each school district; revising the types of students eligible for transportation funds used for transportation to and from school in private passenger cars and boats, etc.

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Designating a specified period each year during which supervisors of elections are authorized to provide certain students with the opportunity to register to vote at school and with instruction on the elections process, etc.

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Requiring the Department of Education to have an operating electronic IEP system in place for statewide use; authorizing the Commissioner of Education to issue a letter of guidance in response to a complaint against a teacher or administrator in lieu of a probable cause determination, etc.

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Establishing requirements for digital classrooms technology infrastructure planning by the Agency for State Technology or a contracted organization; requiring the Office of Technology and Information Services of the Department of Education to consult with the Agency for State Technology in developing the 5-year strategic plan for Florida digital classrooms; specifying conditions for a school district to maintain eligibility for Florida digital classrooms allocation funds, etc.

SB 1552 – Parent and Student Rights by Benacquisto – AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A CS

Requires school district to provide parents with a fiscal transparency notification regarding the estimated amount of funding associated with the education of his or her child; authorizes school and classroom choice options beyond school district boundaries, provided the receiving district or school has not reached capacity and the parent provides transportation; allows a student to transfer to another classroom teacher, in specified circumstances; creates options for students to receive customized instruction while receiving health care services in children's hospitals; modifies charter school requirements related to application processes, contract renewal and termination, operations, performance and fiscal accountability, student reporting, and governing board conflict of interest disclosure and reporting; authorizes the replication of high performing charter school in the attendance zone of a school in need of intervention, to meet capacity needs, or to meet district identified innovative choice options; authorizes an entity that successfully operates a system of charter schools to apply to the State Board of Education for status as a high-performing charter school system; creates the Charter School District Pilot Program authorizing the State Board of Education to enter into a performance contract with district school boards to provide principals of participating school with increased autonomy and authority; creates the Florida Institute for Charter School Innovation at the Florida State University to provide technical assistance to charter school applicants and improve charter school accountability, quality, and innovation [NOTE: The committee took up and amended a Proposed Committee Substitute in place of the original bill. The summary above reflects the basic provisions of the bill. Several of these provisions give rise to questions and concerns. We are preparing a more detailed summary of the bill and comparison to related House bills.]

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HB 181 – Educational Facilities by Bileca

Provides for school district construction flexibility; authorizes exceptions to educational facilities construction requirements under certain circumstances.

HB 291 – Involuntary Examinations of Minors by Harrell

Provides requirements for notification of involuntary examination of minors by public schools, charter schools, & receiving facilities.

HB 357 – Principal Autonomy Pilot Program by M. Diaz

Creates Principal Autonomy Pilot Program Initiative; provides requirements for participation, exemptions, professional development, rulemaking, & reporting; provides authorization period for participation in program; provides for renewal or revocation of authorization to participate in program; revises school district minimum classroom expenditure requirements; requires district school boards participating in program to provide certain funding allocations; provides additional authority & responsibilities to school principals of participating school districts; specifies contents of professional development program.

HB 665 – Maximum Class Size by Moraitis

Revises calculation of school district's class size categorical allocation reduction to school average when maximum class size requirements are not met; provides for expenditure of funds; requires that district plan for compliance with class size maximums be posted to district website & provided to school advisory committee of each noncompliant school; authorizes that plan be posted on noncompliant school's website.

HB 7043 – Standard Student Attire by K-12

Designates act as "Students Attired for Education (SAFE) Act"; authorizes school boards to adopt standard student attire policy; limits liability for districts that implement attire policy; creates safe schools allocation to provide funding for certain safe schools activities; provides for withholding of funds from districts that do not comply with certain school safety & student discipline reporting; authorizes additional

funds for districts that implement standard student attire policy; provides appropriation.

HB 7037 – School Choice by Choice & Innovation

Revises provisions relating to charter school application, certain appeals, funding for & payments to charter schools, long-term charters, nonrenewal, termination, & closure of charter schools, financial statements, charter school representatives & public meetings, governing board residency requirements, high-performing charter schools, termination of virtual instruction provider contracts, & charter school professional development; authorizes charter school to defer opening & use of certain funds for educational purposes; establishes Florida Charter School Innovation Institute; provides appropriation.

EDC3 – Personal Learning Scholarship Accounts by Education

Increases the pool of eligible applicants by expanding the definition of autism to include all students on the autism spectrum disorder and to include students who have muscular dystrophy; increases the types of services available to participants; clarifies that funds must be expended for the student's educational needs; outlines specific criteria for when payments to a personal learning scholarship account would cease and when an account is closed and funds revert to the state; requires review of all expenditures prior to reimbursement; authorizes the Commissioner of Education to deny, suspend, or revoke program participation or use of program funds in specified circumstances; requires a high-risk child who reaches 6 years of age has documentation of an eligible disability in order to continue in the program; requires the Auditor General to provide a copy of the annual operational audit to the Commissioner of Education; etc..

The House **Local & Federal Affairs Committee** will meet (9:00-11:00 am) to consider the following items and others:

HB 361 – Military Housing Ad Valorem Tax Exemptions by Trumbull

Grants certain leasehold interests & improvements to land owned by U.S. or agency thereof, branch of U.S. Armed Forces, or quasi-governmental agency exemption from ad valorem taxation; exempts such leasehold interests & improvements without need to apply for exemption or property appraiser approving exemption; provides nonapplicability of provisions to transient public lodging establishments; provides retroactive applicability.

HB 365 – Skateboarding, Skating, or Bicycling by Gonzalez

Removes requirement that governmental entity that provides designated area for skateboarding, inline skating, or freestyle bicycling post rules indicating written consent of parent or legal guardian of child under certain age is required to participate; provides for application of specified provisions that limit liability of governmental entity.

The Senate **Education Appropriations Subcommittee** will meet (9:30 am-12:00 pm) to consider:

SB 802 – Vocational Rehabilitation by D. Gaetz

Providing for the future repeal of the designation of the Division of Vocational

Rehabilitation as the administrative unit for purposes of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973, subject to legislative review of a required report; requiring the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation to initiate, by a specified date, a performance improvement plan designed to achieve specified goals; requiring the division to develop and implement a pilot program to improve the state vocational rehabilitation program, etc.

SB 960 – Bright Futures Scholarship Program by T. Lee

Requiring a student, as a prerequisite for the Florida Academic Scholars award, the Florida Medallion Scholars award, or the Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award, to identify a social or civic issue or a professional area of interest and develop a plan for his or her personal involvement in addressing the issue or learning about the area; prohibiting the student from receiving remuneration or academic credit for the volunteer service work performed, etc.

SB 1140 – Bright Futures Scholarship Program by Montford

Providing that the initial award and renewal period for students who are unable to accept an initial award immediately after completion of high school due to a full-time religious or service obligation begins upon the completion of the religious or service obligation, etc.

SB 616 – Education Accountability by Legg

Revising requirements for the administration of local assessments; revising the percentage thresholds for performance evaluation criteria for instructional personnel and school administrators; authorizing a school district to request approval from the state board to use student performance results on new statewide assessments for diagnostic and baseline purposes, etc.

The House **Economic Affairs Committee** will meet (12:30-2:30 pm) to consider the following items and others:

EAC1 – Individuals with Disabilities by Economic Affairs

Creates the Florida Unique Abilities Partner program to recognize business entities that employ individuals who have a disability, contribute to organizations that support the independence of individuals who have a disability, or establish a program that contributes to the independence of individuals who have a disability.

HB 7019 – Workforce Services by Economic Development

Renames Workforce Florida, Inc., as CareerSource Florida, Inc.; holds in abeyance specified provisions relating to Workforce Estimating Conference; requires EDR to develop & test labor market economic model & submit report; provides for future repeal; creates task force on preparation for state's implementation of federal Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act; provides membership & duties of task force; requires task force to submit report & recommendations for approval by CareerSource Florida, Inc.; requires CareerSource Florida, Inc., to submit specified state plan to USDOL; provides for abolishment of task force.

The Senate **Fiscal Policy Committee** will meet (1:00-3:00 pm) to consider the following items and others:

SB 152 – Disability Awareness by Ring

Requiring, rather than authorizing, each district school board to provide disability history and awareness instruction in all K-12 public schools beginning in a specified school year; requiring each public school to establish a disability history and awareness advisory council, etc.

SB 408 – Skateboarding, Skating, or Bicycling by Simmons

Deleting the requirement that a governmental entity that provides a designated area for skateboarding, inline skating, or freestyle bicycling obtain the written consent of the parent or legal guardian of a child under a certain age before allowing the child to participate in these activities in such area; requiring the governmental entity to post a rule indicating that consent forms are required for children under a certain age before participation in paintball or mountain and off-road bicycling, etc.

The House **Appropriations Committee** will meet (3:00-6:00 pm) to consider the following items and others:

HB 19 – School Safety by Steube

Permits school superintendent, with approval of the school board, to authorize school safety designee to carry concealed weapon or firearm on school property; provides requirements for school safety designees; provides exception to prohibition on possession of firearms or other specified devices on school property or other specified areas; provides for fingerprint processing & retention; requires that fees be borne by school safety designee or school; requires school boards to formulate policies & procedures for dealing with active shooters & hostage situations in consultation with law enforcement; requires district school boards & private schools allow campus tours by local law enforcement agencies for specified purposes & that their recommendations be documented; permits district school boards to commission one or more school safety officers on each school campus.

HB 113 – Local Government Construction Preferences by Perry

Prohibits local ordinances & regulations from restricting competition for award of construction services based upon certain conditions; requires state college, school district, or other political subdivision to make specified disclosures in competitive solicitation documents.

HB 477 – Background Screening by Sprowls

Revises requirement relating to background screening of instructional personnel in virtual instruction programs; provides additional offenses that determine ineligibility for educator certification or employment; revises requirements for submission, retention, search, & reporting of fingerprints of educational personnel & contractual personnel; provides for FDLE participation in national retained print arrest notification program.

HB 549 – Associations of Government Officials by M. Diaz

Requires membership association that receives specified percentage of budget from public funds to file annual report with Legislature; specifies required elements of report; prohibits membership association from expending public funds on litigation against the state.

HB 565 – Retirement by Beshears

Authorizes local agency employers to reassess designation of positions for inclusion in SMS Class; provides for removal of certain positions.

HB 571 – Personal Privacy by R. Rodrigues

Designates act as "Florida Privacy Protection Act"; provides that digital data is protected from unreasonable search & seizure; prohibits use of certain radar technology by law enforcement agency without warrant; prohibits disclosure of certain Internet protocol addresses; restricts searches of portable electronic devices; prohibits government entities from entering into nondisclosure agreements with vendors of device monitoring equipment; provides that evidence unlawfully collected is not admissible; requires school district contracts involving student data to contain provision barring contractors from selling data; provides that student data shall not be provided to Federal Government or commercial interests without written permission of parent or guardian, or of student; prohibits companies from mining student data; prohibits DHSMV from incorporating certain devices into driver license or identification card; prohibits DHSMV from collecting fingerprints or DNA material for certain purposes.

HB 1091 – Military Affairs by Steube

Requires application form for original, renewal, or replacement driver license or identification card to include voluntary checkoff permitting veterans to request written information for federal, state, & local programs; directs DHSMV to report specified information to DVA; directs DVA to assist veterans with preparing certain claims & securing certain services; provides for SBE & BOG to work collaboratively to establish degree programs at state universities & Florida College System institutions, train faculty, coordinate campus disability services, facilitate statewide meetings for personnel, & provide sufficient courses & priority registration to veterans; creates Overseas Military Voting Assistance Task Force; requires Division of Elections to provide support staff to task force & Agency for State Technology to assist task force upon request; requires Secretary of State to submit report to Governor & Legislature containing task force recommendations for development & implementation of online voting system.

The House **Finance & Tax Committee** will meet (3:00-6:00 pm) to consider the following item and others:

HB 695 – Value Adjustment Boards by Avila

Revises entities who may appear before value adjustment board; revises procedures related to value adjustment boards; revises interest rate for unpaid ad valorem taxes; authorizes district school board & county commission to audit value adjustment board; requires certain counties to notify DOR of petitions contesting tax assessments; specifies how DOR must conduct reviews; requires DOR to report the findings to Legislature; requires DOR to find value adjustment board to be in violation of law if certain criteria are met; authorizes filing of lawsuit by property appraiser; requires DOR to adopt rules.

I hope you find this information useful. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

In the House **Government Operations Subcommittee:**

HB 583 – Single-Sex Public Facilities by Artiles – AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE (CS)

Provides purpose & legislative findings; requires that use of single-sex public facilities be restricted to persons of sex for which facility is designated; prohibits knowingly & willfully entering single-sex public facility designated for or restricted to persons of other sex; provides criminal penalties; provides private cause of action against violators; provides exemptions; provides applicability with respect to other laws; provides for preemption. [NOTE: FSBA has grave concerns about how the provisions of this bill may be applied in public schools and the potential this may have on the bullying and harassment of students.]

HB 913 – State Board of Administration by Trumbull -- PASSED

Provides for distribution of Fund B Surplus Funds Trust Fund assets to certain participants; repeals provisions relating to investments in institutions doing business in or with Northern Ireland.

HB 1283 – Inspectors General by Rader -- PASSED

Requires Chief Inspector General to publish final investigative reports on EOG's website; requires agency inspector general to publish final investigative reports on agency's website; requires unit of local government to publish final investigative reports on its website; specifies when investigation becomes final.

HB 1309 – Publicly Funded Retirement Plans by Drake – AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A CS

Requires that actuarial reports for certain retirement plans include mortality tables; revises information to be included in defined benefit system or plan's annual report to DMS; provides declaration of important state interest.

In the Senate **Community Affairs Committee:**

SB 824 – Public-Private Partnerships by Evers – AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A CS

Deleting provisions creating the Public-Private Partnership Guidelines Task Force; deleting a provision that requires approval of the local governing body before a school board enters into a comprehensive agreement; revising the conditions necessary for a responsible public entity to approve a comprehensive agreement; deleting provisions relating to notice to affected local jurisdictions, etc.

SB 826 – Public Records / Public-Private Partnerships by Evers -- PASSED

Transferring, renumbering, and amending provisions relating to qualifying public-private projects for public facilities and infrastructure; providing an exemption from public records requirements for unsolicited proposals received by a responsible public entity for a specified period; providing an exemption from public meeting requirements for any portion of a meeting of a responsible public entity during which exempt proposals are discussed; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemptions; providing a statement of public necessity, etc.

SB 782 – County Officers by Montford – AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A CS

Providing that the salaries of a clerk of circuit court, county comptroller, sheriff, supervisor of elections, property appraiser, tax collector, and district school superintendent may not be decreased under specific circumstances as the county population increases, etc. [NOTE: Originally, this bill did not apply to county commissioners or school board members. However, today's "strike all" amendment made the bill applicable to all constitutional officers and provides that, beginning in the 2015-2016 fiscal year and continuing each fiscal year thereafter, a county official's adjusted salary rate shall be identical to the official's adjusted salary rate in the prior fiscal year if the official's adjusted salary rate would otherwise be less than the prior fiscal year's adjusted salary rate due to the county's shift to a new population group as a result of a population increase.]

SB 972 – Value Adjustment Boards by Flores -- PASSED

Establishing deadlines for value adjustment boards to complete final tax roll certifications; revising the interest rate upon which unpaid and overpaid ad valorem taxes accrue; authorizing the district school board and district county commission to audit certain expenses of the value adjustment board; revising the entities that may represent a taxpayer before the value adjustment board, etc.

SB 1114 – Associations of Government Officials by Stargel – AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A CS

Requiring a membership association that receives more than a specified percentage of its budget from public funds to file a report with the Legislature; prohibiting a membership association whose membership dues are paid for by public funds from expending such funds on litigation against the state, etc.

In the Senate Governmental Oversight & Accountability Committee:

SB 778 – Local Government Construction Preferences by Hays -- AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A CS

Prohibiting local ordinances and regulations from restricting a certified contractor's competition for award of a contract for construction services based upon certain conditions; requiring a state college, school district, or other political subdivision to make specified disclosures in competitive solicitation documents, etc.

PROPOSED SB 7050 – Digital Classrooms by Governmental Oversight – SUBMITTED AS A COMMITTEE BILL

Requiring the Agency for State Technology to establish and publish information

technology architecture standards for purposes of implementing digital classrooms by a specified date; requiring the agency's annual assessment of the Department of Education to review specified issues with respect to school district digital classrooms plans and to provide planning assistance to address and reduce issues identified by the assessment, etc.

In the Senate **Health Policy Committee**:

SB 628 – Behavior Analysts by Bean – AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A CS
Establishing the Board of Applied Behavior Analysis within the Division of Medical Quality Assurance; including licensed behavior analysts and licensed assistant behavior analysts in the definition of "health care practitioner"; providing requirements for initial licensure as a behavior analyst or assistant behavior analyst; providing penalties for practicing applied behavior analysis or for identifying oneself as a licensed behavior analyst or licensed assistant behavior analyst without a license, etc.

In the House **Government Operations Appropriations Subcommittee**:

HB 163 – Public Records/Contractors by Beshears – AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A CS

Requires public agency contract for services to include name & contact information of custodian of public records; revises provision in such contract regarding contractor's compliance with public records laws; requires records request relating to such contract be made to agency; requires contractor to produce requested records; specifies penalties & attorney fee awards for reasonable cost of enforcement.

In the Senate **Education Appropriations Subcommittee**, Chair Don Gaetz outlined his education budget proposal for FY 2015-2016. Overall FEFP funding in the Senate proposal is slightly lower than the House proposal. The Senate proposes an increase of \$745 million in FEFP funding to provide \$7,122.85 in FEFP funds per student – an increase of nearly \$208 per student (compared to the House increase of nearly \$215 per student). However, the Senate proposes a greater increase in the Base Student Allocation than the House suggestions – a BSA of nearly \$4,184 in the Senate proposal compared to a BSA of \$4,130 in the House proposal. Anot! her key difference is that the Senate has chosen to not fund the allocation for Digital Classrooms – it appears that the Senate is seeking further information about the status and costs needed for this purpose before committing to an allocation. Meanwhile, the House proposal would double the current allocation to a total of \$80 million. In addition, the Senate creates a new line item allocation in the FEFP to assist school to assist school districts who serve significant percentages of students who have a parent in the United States Armed Services, live on Native American lands, or have a parent who works on federal property. We are preparing a comparison of current funding levels with the House, Senate, and Governor's proposals. The comparison will be available with tomorrow's Daily Update.

In the House **SESSION**:

HB 7069 – Education Accountability by Education – AMENDED AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR ON 3RD READING

Revises provisions relating to uniform opening date of public schools, high-performing school districts, student & parent rights, student remediation, scholar designation for standard high school diploma, statewide standardized assessment program, administration & proctoring of assessments, student progression, student evaluation for college readiness, research-based reading instruction allocation, salary schedules, evaluation procedures and criteria, teacher certification, and professional development.

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The House **Local Government Affairs Subcommittee** will meet (8:00-11:00 am) to consider the following item and others:

HB 383 – Private Property Rights by Edwards

Provides that settlement agreements between owners & governmental entities apply if issues are resolved; creates cause of action for damages caused by unconstitutional exaction of property in this state; authorizes award of certain amounts under certain circumstances.

The House **Higher Education & Workforce Subcommittee** will meet (9:00-11:00 am) to consider the following items and others:

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HB 4005 – Licenses to Carry Concealed Weapons by Steube

Deletes provision prohibiting concealed carry licensees from openly carrying handgun or carrying concealed weapon or firearm into college or university facility.

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Senate Confirmation Hearing for Michael Olenick, State Board of Education

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Providing the right of a parent to know the average amount of money expended for the education of his or her child; deleting the definition of and provisions relating to controlled open enrollment; requiring each school district to instead establish a public school parental choice policy that allows students to attend any public school that has not reached capacity in their district; requiring each school district board to establish a classroom teacher transfer process for parents, approve or deny a request within a certain timeframe, and post an explanation of the transfer process in the student handbook, etc.

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

EDUCATION BUDGET UPDATE

We have gotten our first look at the House and Senate budget proposals for K-12 public schools. Few details are available as yet, but we can provide a quick overview of where things stand at the moment. Both budget proposals increase overall funding for K-12 by about \$750 million -- about a 4% increase over the current year -- with the House proposal providing about \$20 million more than Senate in total funding. The House proposal doubles the current funding level for Digital Classrooms to a total of \$80 million, and provides substantial increases to specific programs, including the Sparsity Supplement, Safe Schools, Reading Allocation, and Supplemental Academic Instruction. While the Senate budget is slightly lower than the House, the Senate provides more funding! flexibility by focusing much of the increase in the Base Student Allocation, increasing it by \$152 (substantially more than the House budget proposal). The Senate has also not indicated an allocation for Digital Classrooms at this time because the Senate has indicated that it wishes to gather more information from DOE before committing to an allocation amount. In addition, the Senate proposal creates new Federally Connected Student Supplement intended to support educational services in districts that have large populations or land tied to military bases, Indian reservations, or other federal property.

We have prepared a simple chart comparing FY 2007-08 education funding, current year funding, and the 2015-16 education budget proposals submitted by the governor, House, and Senate. This provides a quick "at-a-glance" overview on where things stand as of today. The chart is available on the FSBA website on our 2015 Session Resource Center page at <http://fsba.org/2015-legislative-session-resource-center/> or you may use this direct link to the chart: http://fsba.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/FEFP-Comparison_n3.18.5.pdf. It is important to remember that we are still in the very early stages of the budget process and both chambers will elaborate further on their proposals in the coming weeks. We will continue to keep you informed as the budget process moves forward.

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Creates Principal Autonomy Pilot Program Initiative; provides requirements for participation, exemptions, professional development, rulemaking, & reporting; provides authorization period for participation in program; provides for renewal or revocation of authorization to participate in program; revises school district minimum classroom expenditure requirements; requires district school boards participating in program to provide certain funding allocations; provides additional authority & responsibilities to school principals of participating school districts; specifies contents of professional development program.

HB 665 – Maximum Class Size by Moraitis – AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A CS

Revises calculation of school district's class size categorical allocation reduction to school average when maximum class size requirements are not met; provides for expenditure of funds; requires that district plan for compliance with class size maximums be posted to district website & provided to school advisory committee of each noncompliant school; authorizes that plan be posted on noncompliant school's website.

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Designates act as "Students Attired for Education (SAFE) Act"; authorizes school boards to adopt standard student attire policy; limits liability for districts that implement attire policy; creates safe schools allocation to provide funding for certain safe schools activities; provides for withholding of funds from districts that do not comply with certain school safety & student discipline reporting; authorizes additional funds for districts that implement standard student attire policy; provides appropriation.

HB 7037 – School Choice by Choice & Innovation – AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A CS

Revises provisions relating to charter school application, certain appeals, funding for & payments to charter schools, long-term charters, nonrenewal, termination, & closure of charter schools, financial statements, charter school representatives & public meetings, governing board residency requirements, high-performing charter schools, termination of virtual instruction provider contracts, & charter school professional development; authorizes charter school to defer opening & use of certain funds for educational purposes; establishes Florida Charter School Innovation Institute; provides appropriation. [NOTE: Today's amendment adds several very troubling provisions relating to the calculation and payment of capital outlay funding to charter schools. We are preparing a detailed summary of this bill and related House bills that will be available shortly.]&n! bsp;

EDC3 – Personal Learning Scholarship Accounts by Education – SUBMITTED AS A COMMITTEE BILL (HB 7095)

Increases the pool of eligible applicants by expanding the definition of autism to include all students on the autism spectrum disorder and to include students who have muscular dystrophy; increases the types of services available to participants; clarifies that funds must be expended for the student's educational needs; outlines specific criteria for when payments to a personal learning scholarship account would cease and when an account is closed and funds revert to the state; requires review of all expenditures prior to reimbursement; authorizes the Commissioner of Education to deny, suspend, or revoke program participation or use of program funds in specified circumstances; requires a high-risk child who reaches 6 years of age has documentation of an eligible disability in order to continue in the program; requires the Auditor General to provide a copy of the annual operational audit to the Commissioner of Education; etc.

In the House Local & Federal Affairs Committee:

HB 361 – Military Housing Ad Valorem Tax Exemptions by Trumbull – AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A CS

Grants certain leasehold interests & improvements to land owned by U.S. or agency thereof, branch of U.S. Armed Forces, or quasi-governmental agency exemption from ad valorem taxation; exempts such leasehold interests & improvements without need to apply for exemption or property appraiser approving exemption; provides nonapplicability of provisions to transient public lodging establishments; provides retroactive applicability.

HB 365 – Skateboarding, Skating, or Bicycling by Gonzalez -- PASSED

Removes requirement that governmental entity that provides designated area for skateboarding, inline skating, or freestyle bicycling post rules indicating written consent of parent or legal guardian of child under certain age is required to participate; provides for application of specified provisions that limit liability of governmental entity.

In the Senate Education Appropriations Subcommittee:

SB 802 – Vocational Rehabilitation by D. Gaetz -- PASSED

Providing for the future repeal of the designation of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation as the administrative unit for purposes of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973, subject to legislative review of a required report; requiring the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation to initiate, by a specified date, a performance improvement plan designed to achieve specified goals; requiring the division to develop and implement a pilot program to improve the state vocational rehabilitation program, etc.

SB 960 – Bright Futures Scholarship Program by T. Lee -- PASSED

Requiring a student, as a prerequisite for the Florida Academic Scholars award, the Florida Medallion Scholars award, or the Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award, to identify a social or civic issue or a professional area of interest and develop a plan for his or her personal involvement in addressing the issue or learning about the area; prohibiting the student from receiving remuneration or academic credit for the volunteer service work performed, etc.

SB 1140 – Bright Futures Scholarship Program by Montford – AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A CS

Providing that the initial award and renewal period for students who are unable to accept an initial award immediately after completion of high school due to a full-time religious or service obligation begins upon the completion of the religious or service obligation, etc.

SB 616 – Education Accountability by Legg -- AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A CS

Revising requirements for the administration of local assessments; revising the percentage thresholds for performance evaluation criteria for instructional personnel and school administrators; authorizing a school district to request approval from the state board to use student performance results on new statewide assessments for diagnostic and baseline purposes, etc. [NOTE: The bill was substantially amended today. We are still sorting through the amendments that were approved and, once that is done, we will update our side-by-side comparison of this bill and HB 7069 (you may still access the earlier comparison of these bills on the FSBA website at <http://fsba.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Comparison.Major-House-Senate-Accountability-Bills.pdf>.)]

In the House **Economic Affairs Committee**:

EAC1 – Individuals with Disabilities by Economic Affairs – SUBMITTED AS A COMMITTEE BILL (HB 7099)

Creates the Florida Unique Abilities Partner program to recognize business entities that employ individuals who have a disability, contribute to organizations that support the independence of individuals who have a disability, or establish a program that contributes to the independence of individuals who have a disability.

HB 7019 – Workforce Services by Economic Development – AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A CS

Renames Workforce Florida, Inc., as CareerSource Florida, Inc.; holds in abeyance specified provisions relating to Workforce Estimating Conference; requires EDR to develop & test labor market economic model & submit report; provides for future

repeal; creates task force on preparation for state's implementation of federal Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act; provides membership & duties of task force; requires task force to submit report & recommendations for approval by CareerSource Florida, Inc.; requires CareerSource Florida, Inc., to submit specified state plan to USDOL; provides for abolishment of task force.

In the Senate Fiscal Policy Committee:

SB 152 – Disability Awareness by Ring – PASSED

Requiring, rather than authorizing, each district school board to provide disability history and awareness instruction in all K-12 public schools beginning in a specified school year; requiring each public school to establish a disability history and awareness advisory council, etc.

SB 408 – Skateboarding, Skating, or Bicycling by Simmons – PASSED

Deleting the requirement that a governmental entity that provides a designated area for skateboarding, inline skating, or freestyle bicycling obtain the written consent of the parent or legal guardian of a child under a certain age before allowing the child to participate in these activities in such area; requiring the governmental entity to post a rule indicating that consent forms are required for children under a certain age before participation in paintball or mountain and off-road bicycling, etc.

In the House Appropriations Committee:

HB 19 – School Safety by Steube – AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A CS

Permits school superintendent, with approval of the school board, to authorize school safety designee to carry concealed weapon or firearm on school property; provides requirements for school safety designees; provides exception to prohibition on possession of firearms or other specified devices on school property or other specified areas; provides for fingerprint processing & retention; requires that fees be borne by school safety designee or school; requires school boards to formulate policies & procedures for dealing with active shooters & hostage situations in consultation with law enforcement; requires district school boards & private schools allow campus tours by local law enforcement agencies for specified purposes & that their recommendations be documented; permits district school boards to commission one or more school safety officers on each school campus.

HB 113 – Local Government Construction Preferences by Perry – PASSED

Prohibits local ordinances & regulations from restricting competition for award of construction services based upon certain conditions; requires state college, school district, or other political subdivision to make specified disclosures in competitive solicitation documents.

HB 477 – Background Screening by Spowls – PASSED

Revises requirement relating to background screening of instructional personnel in virtual instruction programs; provides additional offenses that determine ineligibility for educator certification or employment; revises requirements for submission, retention, search, & reporting of fingerprints of educational personnel & contractual personnel;

provides for FDLE participation in national retained print arrest notification program.

HB 549 – Associations of Government Officials by M. Diaz – AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A CS

Requires membership association that receives specified percentage of budget from public funds to file annual report with Legislature; specifies required elements of report; prohibits membership association from expending public funds on litigation against the state. [NOTE: Today's amendment, by Representative Fresen, defines a membership association to mean "a corporation not for profit, including a department or division of such corporation, the majority of whose board members are constitutional officers that operate, control and supervise public entities that receive annual state appropriations through a statutorily defined formulaic allocation that is funded and prescribed annually in the General Appropriations Act or the substantive bill implementing the annual appropriations act." This appears to narrow the application of the bill to school boards.]

HB 565 – Retirement by Beshears – PASSED

Authorizes local agency employers to reassess designation of positions for inclusion in SMS Class; provides for removal of certain positions.

HB 571 – Personal Privacy by R. Rodrigues – AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A CS
Designates act as "Florida Privacy Protection Act"; provides that digital data is protected from unreasonable search & seizure; prohibits use of certain radar technology by law enforcement agency without warrant; prohibits disclosure of certain Internet protocol addresses; restricts searches of portable electronic devices; prohibits government entities from entering into nondisclosure agreements with vendors of device monitoring equipment; provides that evidence unlawfully collected is not admissible; requires school district contracts involving student data to contain provision barring contractors from selling data; provides that student data shall not be provided to Federal Government or commercial interests without written permission of parent or guardian, or of student; prohibits companies from mining student data; prohibits DHSMV from incorporating certain devices into driver license or identification card; prohibits DHSMV from collecting fingerprints or DNA material for certain purposes. [NOTE: One of the amendments adopted today attempts to clarify the provisions of the bill that are applicable to student data and to avoid interfering with legitimate uses and reporting of student data. We are reviewing the amendment to insure that student data will continue to be properly protected under these provisions of the bill.]

In the House Finance & Tax Committee:

HB 695 – Value Adjustment Boards by Avila – AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A CS
Requires that a petition to the VAB must be signed by the taxpayer or be accompanied by the taxpayer's written authorization for representation; revises provisions related to the exchange of evidence; provides that failure by either party to timely comply with the evidence exchange rules results in the exclusion of the requested evidence unless the request for evidence was made prior to the petition being filed; provides clarification on the confidentiality of information in the evidence

exchange process; requires "good cause" to be shown for the initial rescheduling of a hearing; requires the VAB submit the certified assessment roll to the property appraiser by June 1 annually; restricts the qualifications of those who can represent the taxpayer before the VAB; changes composition of the VAB from county commissioners, school board members, and! citizen members to all citizen residents of the county appointed by their legislative delegation; authorizes the school board and county commission to audit the expenses related to the VAB, creates a review process for any county that receives 10,000 or more VAB petitions in one year; authorizes the property appraiser to contract for services to examine or audit homestead tax exemptions claimed on assessment rolls; contractors are paid from penalties; authorizes persons falsely claiming a homestead exemption to enter into a payment plan; requires the notice of proposed property tax (the TRIM notice) to contain a breakout of millage attributable to each of the county constitutional officers. [NOTE: The committee took up and passed a Proposed Committee Substitute that substantially differs from the original bill. The short summary above reflects the major provisions of the PCS. Several of the provisions in the bill give rise to questions and concerns.]

COMING UP TOMORROW

There are no meetings of interest scheduled for tomorrow. Our next Daily Update will be issued on Monday, March 23.

I hope you find this information useful. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

FSBA LEGISLATIVE VIDEO UPDATE #4

Our Video Update for the 4th week of the 2015 Legislative Session has been posted on the FSBA website at www.fsba.org – you may access the video by clicking on the link to 2015 Legislative Session Video Update 4 under “Legislative Session Updates” (located below the pictures on our main page) or by using this direct link: <http://www.fsba.org/2015-legislative-weekly-video-update-4/>. This Video Update features FSBA Interim Executive Director Bill Graham providing an overview of the main charter school bills -- HB 7037 and SB 1552 – particularly with regard to capital outlay funding. In addition, the video provides update on the House and Senate budgets – SB 2500 and HB 5001 – h; and the House and Senate assessment and accountability bills -- HB 7069 and SB 616.

FRIDAY'S HAPPENINGS

[NOTE: Your editor was a bit under the weather on Friday, so I did not send out an Update on the outcome on the bills on 3rd Reading in the House on Friday. I apologize for the delay in reporting on these bills.]

HB 7057 – School Administration – READ 3RD TIME; PASSED THE HOUSE
Revises provisions relating to a school district strategic plan, internal audits, certain standards for certain personnel & school officers, early warning system for certain students, annual review of certain procedures, compulsory student attendance, professional development, protected school speech, parental access to homework, out-of-field teachers, related records, policies, court hearings, & penalties, high school equivalency diploma, parental notices for exceptional students, bullying & harassment, certain school districts policies, & certain policies for principals, district school boards employees, & suspension of educator certifications.

HB 7019 – Workforce Services by Economic Development – READ 3RD TIME; PASSED THE HOUSE
Renames Workforce Florida, Inc., as CareerSource Florida, Inc.; holds in abeyance specified provisions relating to Workforce Estimating Conference; requires EDR to develop & test labor market economic model & submit report; provides for future repeal; creates task force on preparation for state's implementation of federal Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act; provides membership & duties of task force; requires task force to submit report & recommendations for approval by CareerSource Florida, Inc.; requires CareerSource Florida, Inc., to submit specified state plan to USDOL; provides for abolishment of task force.

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HB 7037 – School Choice by Choice & Innovation – READ 3RD TIME; PASSED THE HOUSE

Revises provisions relating to charter school application, certain appeals, funding for and payments to charter schools, long-term charters, nonrenewal, termination, and closure of charter schools, financial statements, charter school representatives and public meetings, governing board residency requirements, high-performing charter schools, termination of virtual instruction provider contracts, capital outlay funding, and charter school professional development; authorizes charter school to defer opening and use of certain funds for educational purposes; establishes Florida Charter School Innovation Institute; provides appropriation.

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Creates Principal Autonomy Pilot Program Initiative; provides requirements for participation, exemptions, professional development, rulemaking, and reporting; provides authorization period for participation in program; provides for renewal or revocation of authorization to participate in program; revises school district minimum classroom expenditure requirements; requires district school boards participating in program to provide certain funding allocations; provides additional authority and responsibilities to school principals of participating school districts; specifies contents of professional development program.

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Revises calculation of school district's class size categorical allocation reduction to school average when maximum class size requirements are not met; provides for expenditure of funds; requires that district plan for compliance with class size maximums be posted to district website & provided to school advisory council of each noncompliant school; authorizes that plan be posted on noncompliant school's website.

HB 55 – Children and Youth Cabinet by Harrell – READ 3RD TIME; PASSED THE HOUSE

Revises membership of Children and Youth Cabinet.

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

In the Senate **Criminal Justice Committee**:

SB 1112 – Sexting by Abruzzo – AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE (CS)

Removing the court's discretion to impose a specified penalty for a first violation of sexting; requiring a minor cited for a first violation to sign and accept a citation to appear before juvenile court or, in lieu of appearing in court, to complete community service work, pay a civil penalty, or participate in a cyber-safety program within a certain period of time, if such program is locally available, etc.

SB 1182 – Terroristic Threats by J. Latvala – TEMPORARILY POSTPONED

Providing that a person commits the crime of terroristic threats if he or she communicates, directly or indirectly, a threat to do specified acts; providing criminal penalties, etc.

SB 1534 – Disposition of Liens & Forfeited Property by Brandes – PASSED

Deleting a provision authorizing a seizing agency to retain seized property for its use; revising the distribution and the use of proceeds from the sales of forfeited property seized by a county or municipal agency; deleting provisions that exempt certain agencies of the state from depositing proceeds from seizures into the General Revenue Fund, etc.

In the Senate **Finance & Tax Committee**:

SB 972 – Value Adjustment Boards by Flores – AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A CS

Establishing deadlines for value adjustment boards to complete final tax roll certifications; revising the interest rate upon which unpaid and overpaid ad valorem taxes accrue; authorizing the district school board and district county commission to audit certain expenses of the value adjustment board; revising the entities that may represent a taxpayer before the value adjustment board, etc.

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The House **Government Operations Appropriations Subcommittee** will meet (9:00 – 11:00 am) to consider the following item and others:

HB 1083 – Employment of Individuals With Disabilities by Rooney

Provides legislative findings & purpose; requires specified state agencies & organizations to develop & implement interagency cooperative agreement for certain purposes.

The Senate **Community Affairs Committee** will meet (10:00 am – 12:00 pm) to consider the following items and others:

SB 1372 – Government Accountability by D. Gaetz

Specifying that the Governor, the Commissioner of Education, or the designee of the Governor or of the Commissioner of Education may notify the Legislative Auditing Committee of an entity's failure to comply with certain auditing and financial reporting requirements; revising reporting requirements applicable to the Florida Clerks of

Court Operations Corporation; expanding the types of governmental entities that are subject to lobbyist registration requirements; revising the responsibilities of the governing board of a charter school to include the establishment and maintenance of internal controls, etc.

SB 238 – Athletic Coaches by Ring

Requiring an independent sanctioning authority to dismiss an athletic coach ejected from a game for the remainder of that sport season under certain circumstances; authorizing such athletic coach to resume working under certain circumstances, etc.

SB 934 – Public Works Projects by Brandes

Prohibiting state and political subdivisions that contract for the construction, maintenance, repair, or improvement of public works from imposing certain conditions on certain contractors, subcontractors, or material suppliers or carriers; providing an exception; prohibiting state and political subdivisions from restricting qualified bidders from submitting bids, being awarded any bid or contract, or performing work on a public works project, etc.

The Senate **Governmental Oversight & Accountability Committee** will meet (10:30 am – 12:00 pm) to consider the following items and others:

SB 824 – Public-Private Partnerships by Evers

Deleting provisions creating the Public-Private Partnership Guidelines Task Force; deleting a provision that requires approval of the local governing body before a school board enters into a comprehensive agreement; revising the conditions necessary for a responsible public entity to approve a comprehensive agreement; deleting provisions relating to notice to affected local jurisdictions, etc.

SB 826 – Public Records / Public-Private Partnerships by Evers

Transferring, renumbering, and amending provisions relating to qualifying public-private projects for public facilities and infrastructure; providing an exemption from public records requirements for unsolicited proposals received by a responsible public entity for a specified period; providing an exemption from public meeting requirements for any portion of a meeting of a responsible public entity during which exempt proposals are discussed; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemptions; providing a statement of public necessity, etc.

SB 782 – County Officers by Montford

Requiring, beginning in a specified fiscal year, that a county official's adjusted salary rate be identical to the official's adjusted salary rate in the prior fiscal year if the official's adjusted salary rate would otherwise be less than the prior fiscal year's adjusted salary rate due to certain circumstances, etc.

The House **Education Appropriations Subcommittee** will meet (12:30 – 2:30 pm) to consider:

HB 85 – Public School Instruction / Terrorist Attacks by Hill

Requires that instructional staff of public schools provide instruction to students about

terrorist attacks occurring on September 11, 2001, & impact of those events.

HB 1045 – Homebound Instruction by Burgess

Requires school districts to provide instruction to homebound or hospitalized students; provides for student eligibility, methods of providing instruction to homebound or hospitalized students, & initiation of services.

HB 1145 – Education / Parent and Student Rights by Sprowls

Revises provisions relating to public & private school choice, fiscal transparency, controlled open enrollment, educational funding accountability, assignment of teachers, salary incentives, & certification of adjunct educators. [NOTE: Although FSBA supports public school choice in concept, this bill contains several very troubling provisions that are likely to prove to be very disruptive and potentially damaging to existing district public school choice options.]

HB 7125 – Postsecondary Access & Affordability by Higher Education

Revises provisions relating to apprenticeships, postsecondary tuition & fees, tuition differentials, career education, textbooks & instructional materials, & Higher Education Coordinating Council; creates Florida Apprenticeship Grant Program & Rapid Response Education & Training Program; provides requirements for programs.

HB 7127 – Higher Education by Higher Education

Revises provisions relating to apprenticeships, baccalaureate degree programs, career centers & charter technical career centers, applied technology diplomas, common placement test, & adult & workforce education programs.

The Senate **Education PreK-12 Committee** will meet (1:30 – 3:30 pm) to consider:

SB 180 – School Safety by Evers

Permitting a school superintendent, with approval of the school board, to authorize a school safety designee to carry a concealed weapon or firearm on school property; requiring school boards to formulate policies and procedures for managing active-shooter and hostage situations; permitting district school boards to commission one or more school safety officers on each school campus, etc. [NOTE: FSBA has grave concerns about the possible tragedies and other unintended consequences if a school district were to choose to pursue the provisions of the bill.]

SB 352 – American Founders' Month by Flores

Designating the month of September as "American Founders' Month"; authorizing the Governor to annually issue a proclamation designating the month and urging participation; requiring district school boards to celebrate the American Founders and the principles inherent in the country's founding documents by observing American Founders' Month, etc.

SB 344 – Mental Health First Aid Training Program by Sobel

Requiring the Department of Education to establish a mental health first aid training program; requiring the department to use a competitive procurement process to select a statewide association to develop, implement, and manage the program;

providing for expiration of the program; providing an appropriation; requiring the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to submit a report to the Legislature by a specified date, etc.

SB 448 – Educational Facilities by Flores

Providing for school district construction flexibility; authorizing exceptions to educational facilities construction requirements under certain circumstances, etc.

SB 572 – School Support Organizations by Montford

Defining the term “school support organization”; authorizing such organizations to pay tax on specified items purchased for resale in lieu of collecting the tax upon resale, etc.

SB 888 – Educational Professional Practices by Detert

Authorizing certain employees or agents of the Department of Education to have access to certain reports and records; revising the membership of the Education Practices Commission; authorizing the Commissioner of Education to appoint emeritus members to the commission; authorizing the commissioner to issue a letter of guidance in response to a complaint against a teacher or administrator in lieu of a probable cause determination, etc.

SB 1474 – District School Boards by Legg

Requiring district school boards to adopt a strategic plan; revising standards of ethical conduct for instructional personnel and school administrators to apply to certain administrative personnel and school officers, etc.

The House **Appropriations Committee** will meet (3:00 – 5:00 pm) to consider the following items and others:

HB 695 – Value Adjustment Boards by Avila

Revises provisions related to VAB proceedings; revises provisions related to appointments & selection of special magistrates; authorizes property appraisers to contract to examine & audit homestead exemption claims; revises provisions addressing payment plans for payment of certain taxes, interest, & penalties; specifies that certain unpaid tax liens be included in next assessment roll; revises provisions providing information required on notice of proposed property taxes & non-ad valorem assessments; specifies that certain persons may seek or obtain funds from the failure of other persons to comply with certain tax laws; provides statement of important state interest.

HB 913 – State Board of Administration by Trumbull

Repeals provisions relating to investments in institutions doing business in or with Northern Ireland; provides for distribution of Fund B Surplus Funds Trust Fund assets to certain participants.

HB 7015 – Agriculture and Consumer Services by Agriculture

Revising provisions relating to limited certification for urban landscape commercial fertilizer application; Florida Food Safety Act; power & duties of DACS relating to

program services; designation of Pompano State Farmers Market; powers & duties of Division of Administration relating to information technology support; powers & duties of Division of Food Safety relating to food & feed sample analysis; powers & duties of Division of Marketing and Development relating to dealers in agricultural products; powers & duties of Division of Consumer Services relating to dealers in agricultural products; Florida Agriculture Center & Horse Park; Florida Agricultural Promotional Campaign; notice of infection of plants; School Food & Nutrition Service programs; Florida Farm Fresh Schools Program; children's summer nutrition program; commodity distribution services; bond & a! mp; certificate of deposit prerequisite for agricultural products dealers; & security requirements for grain dealers; & provides for specified property owned by Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund to be deeded to DACS; directs DACS to sell portion of such property & provides for use of proceeds.

I hope you find this information useful. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

In the House **Government Operations Subcommittee:**

HB 565 – Retirement by Beshears – AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE (CS)

Authorizes local agency employers to reassess designation of positions for inclusion in SMS Class; provides for removal of certain positions.

In the Senate **Health & Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee:**

SB 380 – Persons with Developmental Disabilities by Bradley -- AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A CS

Requiring the Agency for Persons with Disabilities to allow an applicant whose parent or guardian is a member of the United States Armed Forces, the Florida National Guard, or the United States Reserve Forces to receive Medicaid home and community-based waiver program services under certain conditions, etc.

In the Senate **Transportation, Tourism, & Economic Devel. Appropriations Subcommittee:**

SB 346 – School Bus Stop Safety by Simmons -- PASSED

Citing this act as the "Gabby's Law for School Bus Stop Safety"; revising penalties for failure to stop a vehicle upon approaching a school bus that displays a stop signal; providing for criminal penalties under certain circumstances; amending provisions relating to application of specified provisions, disposition of penalty amounts received, and trauma payments, etc.

In the House **Children, Families, & Seniors Subcommittee:**

HB 177 – Persons with Developmental Disabilities by Hill -- AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A CS

Allows eligible individual whose parent or guardian is member of U.S. Armed Forces, Florida National Guard, or U.S. Reserve Forces to receive Medicaid home and community-based waiver services under certain conditions.

HB 291 – Involuntary Examinations of Minors by Harrell – PASSED

Provides requirements for notification of involuntary examination of minors by public schools, charter schools, & receiving facilities.

In the House **Highway & Waterway Safety Subcommittee:**

HB 231 – Transportation by Passidomo -- AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A CS

Revises provisions relating to the rights & safety of vulnerable users of public rights-of-way; prohibits assault of bicycle riders; revises provisions for careless driving;

provides penalties for specified infractions contributing to bodily injury of vulnerable users; requires traffic law & substance abuse education courses to include certain instruction; requires driver license examinations to include test of applicant's knowledge of certain traffic laws; requires driver education courses offered by school district to include certain information.

In the House **K-12 Subcommittee:**

HB 19 – School Safety by Steube -- PASSED

Permits school superintendent, with approval of the school board, to authorize school safety designee to carry concealed weapon or firearm on school property; provides requirements for school safety designees; provides exception to prohibition on possession of firearms or other specified devices on school property or other specified areas; provides for fingerprint processing & retention; requires that fees be borne by school safety designee or school; requires school boards to formulate policies & procedures for dealing with active shooters & hostage situations in consultation with law enforcement; requires district school boards & private schools allow campus tours by local law enforcement agencies for specified purposes & that their recommendations be documented; permits district school boards to commission one or more school safety officers on each school campus. [NOT! E: Representative Steube has worked diligently to address concerns that have been raised about this bill and has revised the bill to ensure school district local control and authority in any district that may wish to pursue these provisions. However, FSBA remains gravely concerned about the potential tragedies and unintended consequences that may result in any district that may choose to pursue the policies outlined in this bill.]

HB 85 – Public School Instruction / Terrorist Attacks by Hill -- PASSED

Requires that instructional staff of public schools provide instruction to students about terrorist attacks occurring on September 11, 2001, and impact of those events.

HB 181 – Educational Facilities / SREF Flexibility by Bileca -- AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A CS

Provides for school district construction flexibility; authorizes exceptions to certain SREF educational facilities construction requirements under certain circumstances.

HB 587 – Educational Professional Practices by Spano -- AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A CS

Authorizes certain employees or agents of DOE to have access to certain reports & records; revises membership of Education Practices Commission; authorizes Commissioner of Education to appoint emeritus members to commission; authorizes commissioner to issue letter of guidance in response to complaint against teacher or administrator in lieu of probable cause determination.

In the House **Judiciary Committee:**

HB 493 – Concealed Weapon / Evacuations by Fitzenhagen -- AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A CS

Provides exemption from criminal penalties for carrying concealed weapon or concealed firearm while in the act of evacuating pursuant to mandatory evacuation order during declared state of emergency; defines "in the act of evacuating."

In the Senate Education PreK-12 Committee:

Proposed SB 7046 – Education by Education PreK-12 – SUBMITTED AS A COMMITTEE BILL

Requiring a state research university to enter into and maintain a formal agreement with a specified organization to offer college-sponsored merit scholarship awards as a condition of designation as a preeminent state research university; authorizing a low-performing elementary school to administer the required additional hours of instruction in a summer program; revising the types and amounts of bonuses that a teacher may receive in any given school year, etc. [NOTE: An amendment by Senator Gaetz calling for school districts to provide 50% of the district 1.5 mill capital outlay millage to charter schools was temporarily passed -- a step that may indicate that the amendment will be offered again at a later date. A second amendment by Senator Gaetz PASSED. The amendment calls for a low-performing elementary school to provide an additional hour of instruction during the school year "AND" (rather than "or") provide an equivalent number of hours of instruction in a summer program.]

SB 518 – Voluntary Prekindergarten Program by Gibson – PASSED

Revising provisions relating to calculation of the kindergarten readiness rate for Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program providers and schools; requiring the administration of a pre-assessment and post-assessment to students based upon adopted performance standards, etc.

SB 954 – Involuntary Examinations of Minors by Garcia – PASSED

Requiring school health services plans to include notification requirements when a student is removed from school, school transportation, or a school-sponsored activity for involuntary examination; requiring a receiving facility to provide notice of the whereabouts of an adult or emancipated minor patient held for involuntary examination; providing conditions for delay in notification, etc.

SB 1116 – Literacy Jump Start Pilot Project by Abruzzo – PASSED

Requiring the Office of Early Learning to establish the pilot project in St. Lucie County to assist low-income, at-risk children in developing emergent literacy skills; requiring the office to select an organization to implement the pilot project; encouraging the coordination of basic health screening and immunization services in conjunction with emergent literacy instruction, etc.

SB 1264 – Digital Classrooms by Legg – TEMPORARILY POSTPONED

Establishing requirements for digital classrooms technology infrastructure planning by the Agency for State Technology or a contracted organization; requiring the Office of Technology and Information Services of the Department of Education to consult with the Agency for State Technology in developing the 5-year strategic plan for Florida digital classrooms; specifying conditions for a school district to maintain eligibility for Florida digital classrooms allocation funds, etc.

The Committee also conducted a Workshop on School Choice Issues, including discussion of the following bills (no votes were taken):

SB 254 – Charter Schools by Clemens

Requiring a charter school to demonstrate it meets certain needs that the local school district does not or is unable to provide to students in that district in order to obtain approval, etc.

SB 692 – Charter Schools by Brandes

Providing an exception to the prohibition on a high-performing charter school establishing more than one charter school in this state under specified circumstances; authorizing certain out-of-state entities to apply for designation as a high-performing charter school system; requiring that charter schools established by such entities receive a reduction in certain administrative fees, etc.

SB 720 – School Choice by Ring

Requiring a person or officer of an entity who submits a charter school application to undergo background screening; prohibiting a sponsor from approving a charter school application until completion and receipt of the results of such screening; requiring a charter school applicant to provide evidence of accreditation, etc.

SB 906 – Charter Schools by Sobel

Requiring an application for a charter school to contain a list of certain information regarding all charter schools currently or previously operated by the applicant, applicant group, or proposed management company; requiring a sponsor to consider current or previous charter school performance by the applicant, applicant group, or proposed management company; authorizing a sponsor to deny an application based on charter school failures, etc.

SB 952 – Charter School District Pilot Program by Garcia

Creating the Charter School District Pilot Program; requiring district school boards participating in the pilot program to allocate a specified percentage of certain funds to participating schools; providing additional authority and responsibilities of the principal of a participating school in a charter school district, etc.

SB 1036 – Charter Schools by Montford

Requiring a charter school application and charter to document that the governing board is independent of a management company; specifying circumstances under which a student is considered to have voluntarily withdrawn from a charter school; establishing procedures and requirements for audits and investigations of charter schools; deleting provisions relating to performance contracts for innovation schools of technology, etc.

SB 1038 – Charter Schools by Montford

Creating the "Charter School Excellence Act"; specifying the duties and responsibilities of the Department of Education with respect to the issuance of statements of need; requiring an applicant to file a letter of intent with the department before applying for a statement of need; authorizing the department to hold a public hearing regarding a proposed project under certain circumstances; prohibiting a person from undertaking a project subject to review without holding a statement of need, etc.

SB 1336 – Charter Schools by Braynon

Requiring a charter school applicant to provide verified evidence of a surety bond or secured escrow account in a certain amount within a specified timeframe, etc.

SB 1448 – Student Choice by Legg

Authorizing a parent to enroll his or her child in and transport his or her child to any public school that has not reached capacity, including charter schools, in any school district in this state; clarifying requirements for the creation of a virtual charter school; revising conditions for termination of a virtual instruction provider's contract; establishing the Florida Charter School Innovation Institute, etc.

SB 1552 – Parent and Student Rights by Benacquisto

Providing the right of a parent to know the average amount of money expended for the education of his or her child; deleting the definition of and provisions relating to controlled open enrollment; requiring each school district to instead establish a public school parental choice policy that allows students to attend any public school that has not reached capacity in their district; requiring each school district board to establish a classroom teacher transfer process for parents, approve or deny a request within a certain timeframe, and post an explanation of the transfer process in the student handbook, etc.

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The House **Education Appropriations Subcommittee** will meet (8:00-11:00 am) to consider:

HB 143 – American Founders' Month by Bileca

Designates September as "American Founders' Month"; authorizes Governor to annually designate month; requires district school boards to celebrate American Founders by observing American Founders' Month; provides that instruction may be integrated into existing school curriculum.

HB 153 – Literacy Jump Start Pilot Project by L. Lee

Requires Office of Early Learning to establish pilot project in St. Lucie County to assist low-income, at-risk children in developing emergent literacy skills; requires OEL to select organization to implement pilot project; provides eligibility requirements for participation; requires background screening for childcare personnel; requires OEL to allocate funds for pilot project.

HB 357 – Principal Autonomy Pilot Program by M. Diaz

Creates Principal Autonomy Pilot Program Initiative; provides requirements for participation, exemptions, professional development, rulemaking, & reporting; provides authorization period for participation in program; provides for renewal or revocation of authorization to participate in program; revises school district minimum classroom expenditure requirements; requires district school boards participating in program to provide certain funding allocations; provides additional authority &

responsibilities to school principals of participating school districts; specifies contents of professional development program.

HB 935 – Individuals with Disabilities / Florida ABLE Program by R. Rodrigues
Creates "Florida Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act"; requires Florida Prepaid College Board to establish direct-support organization known as "Florida ABLE, Inc."; authorizes organization to use certain services, property, & facilities of Florida Prepaid College Board; provides that specified moneys, assets, & income of qualified ABLE program, including Florida ABLE program, are not subject to attachment, levy, garnishment, or certain legal process in favor of certain creditors or claimants.

HB 937 – Florida ABLE Program Trust Fund by Rodrigues
Creates Florida ABLE Trust Fund within State Board of Administration; authorizes sources of funds; specifies purpose of trust fund & authorized uses of assets; provides for future review & termination or re-creation of trust fund; provides for contingent effect.

HB 7017 – Early Learning by Education
Includes large family child care homes in local zoning regulation requirements; revises certain minimum standards for child care facilities & requirements for certain personnel; provides for inspection of programs regulated by DCF; provides exemptions from child care facility licensing standards; revises restrictions on residential property insurance coverage to include coverage for large family child care homes & Child Care Executive Partnership; provides OEL with authority to allocate certain funds.

HB 7037 – School Choice by Choice & Innovation
Revises provisions relating to charter school application, certain appeals, funding for & payments to charter schools, long-term charters, nonrenewal, termination, & closure of charter schools, financial statements, charter school representatives & public meetings, governing board residency requirements, high-performing charter schools, termination of virtual instruction provider contracts, and charter school professional development; establishes Florida Charter School Innovation Institute.

HB 7043 – Standard Student Attire by K-12
Designates act as "Students Attired for Education (SAFE) Act"; authorizes school boards to adopt standard student attire policy; limits liability for districts that implement attire policy; creates safe schools allocation to provide funding for certain safe schools activities; provides for withholding of funds from districts that do not comply with certain school safety & student discipline reporting; authorizes additional funds for districts that implement standard student attire policy; provides appropriation.

HB 7069 – Education Accountability by Education
Revises provisions relating to uniform opening date of public schools, high-performing school districts, student and parent rights, student remediation, scholar designation for standard high school diploma, statewide standardized assessment program,

administration and proctoring of assessments, student progression, student evaluation for college readiness, research-based reading instruction allocation, salary schedules, evaluation procedures and criteria, teacher certification, and professional development.

HB 665 – Maximum Class Size by Moraitis

Revises calculation of school district's class size categorical allocation reduction to school average when maximum class size requirements are not met; provides for expenditure of funds.

The Senate **Children, Families, & Elder Affairs Committee** will meet (9:00-11:00 am) to consider the following items and others:

SB 238 – Athletic Coaches by Ring

Requiring an independent sanctioning authority to dismiss an athletic coach ejected from a game for the remainder of that sport season under certain circumstances; authorizing such athletic coach to resume working under certain circumstances, etc.

SB 878 – Children and Youth Cabinet by Montford

Revising the membership of the cabinet, etc.

The House **Criminal Justice Subcommittee** will meet (9:00-11:00 am) to consider the following item and others:

HB 571 – Personal Privacy by R. Rodrigues

Designates act as "Florida Privacy Protection Act"; provides that digital data is protected from unreasonable search & seizure; prohibits certain government agencies from selling personal information; prohibits use of certain radar devices by law enforcement agency without warrant; prohibits disclosure of certain Internet protocol addresses; regulates collection of images from unmanned aircraft; restricts searches of portable electronic devices; prohibits government entities from entering into nondisclosure agreements with vendors of device monitoring equipment; provides that evidence unlawfully collected is not admissible; prohibits certain state agency use of license plate readers; requires school district contracts involving student data to contain provision barring contractors from selling data; provides that student data shall not be provided to Federal Government or commercial interests without written permission of parent or guardian, or of student; prohibits companies from mining student data; prohibits DHSMV from incorporating certain devices into driver license or identification card; prohibits DHSMV from collecting fingerprints or DNA material for certain purposes.

The Senate **Rules Committee** will meet (9:00-11:00 am) to consider the following item and others:

SB 290 – Concealed Weapon / Evacuations by Brandes

Providing an exemption from criminal penalties for carrying a concealed weapon or a concealed firearm when evacuating pursuant to a mandatory evacuation order during a declared state of emergency, etc.

The House **Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations**

Subcommittee will meet (9:00-11:00 am) to consider the following item and others:

HB 7019 – Workforce Services by Economic Development & Tourism
Renames Workforce Florida, Inc., as CareerSource Florida, Inc.; holds in abeyance specified provisions relating to Workforce Estimating Conference; requires EDR to develop & test labor market economic model & submit report; provides for future repeal; creates task force on preparation for state's implementation of federal Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act; provides membership & duties of task force; requires task force to submit report & recommendations for approval by CareerSource Florida, Inc.; requires CareerSource Florida, Inc., to submit specified state plan to USDOL; provides for abolishment of task force.

The House Education Committee will meet (1:00-3:00 pm) to consider:

HB 7057 – School Administration by K-12

Revises provisions relating to a school district strategic plan, certain standards for certain personnel & school officers, early warning system for certain students, annual review of certain procedures, compulsory student attendance, protected school speech, parental access to homework, out-of-field teachers, related records, policies, court hearings, & penalties, high school equivalency diploma, parental notices for exceptional students, bullying & harassment, certain school districts policies, & certain policies for principals, district school boards employees, & suspension of educator certifications.

The Committee will also conduct a Workshop on:

- Draft Bill Language relating to personal learning scholarship accounts
- Draft Bill Language relating to Extracurricular Activities

The House Health & Human Services Committee will meet (1:00-3:00 pm) to consider the following item and others:

HB 55 – Children and Youth Cabinet by Harrell

Revises membership of Children & Youth Cabinet.

The House Finance & Tax Committee will meet (3:30 -5:00 pm) to consider the following item and others:

HB 37 – Voluntary Contributions for Education Facilities by Raschein

Authorizes participating business that registers with DOR to solicit and collect contributions from customers for construction and maintenance of public education facilities; provides registration requirements; requires participating business to file return and remit contributions to DOR; requires DOR to deposit contributions into PECO & Debt Service Trust Fund; authorizes DOR to adopt emergency rules.

I hope you find this information useful. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

SPECIAL SESSION UPDATE

Last Friday, Senate President Andy Gardiner and House Speaker Steve Crisafulli issued a Joint Proclamation setting the time frame and agenda for the Special Session. As expected, the Special Session will begin June 1 and end no later than June 20. This aligns with the Florida Constitution that limits the duration of a Special Session to no more than 20 days, but it is certainly possible that the Legislature may complete their business prior to June 20. The Proclamation provides a specific list of bills and issues that will be considered during the Special Session. The list bills and issues includes, among others, the General Appropriations Act (GAA), GAA Implementing Bill, FRS Contribution Rates, Implementation of Amendment 1, Medicaid and Health Care, and tax relief. It's important to note that this list does not include any substantive education bills. Even so, it remains possible that significant education legislation may be considered as part of the budget and/or implementing bill. The Proclamation has been posted on the FSBA website on our 2015 Legislative Session Resources page <http://fsba.org/2015-legislative-session-resource-center/>.

BUDGET UPDATE

As you know, the regular Legislative Session ended without passage of a state budget due to a disagreement between the House and Senate on funding for the Low Income Pool (LIP) -- a program that provides funding to hospitals and health providers that provide care for uninsured and low-income Floridians -- and for an expansion of the Medicaid program. The Senate budget included \$2.2 billion for a modified LIP program and set aside another \$2.8 billion in federal Medicaid-expansion funding, but the House budget did not include this funding nor did the House support the policies related to this Senate funding. The disagreement over these issues escalated to an impasse that later resulted in an abrupt adjournment without a state budget, thus requiring the Special Session outlined above. It appears that the Special Session may open with the re-filing of the appropriations bills as they existed at the end of the regular session. If this is the case, both the House and Senate education budgets would increase overall FEFP funding by about \$750 million -- about a 4% increase over the current year -- with the House budget providing about \$20 million more than Senate in total FEFP funding. The main difference between the two original education budgets was that the House focused on increasing funding for specific programs while the Senate provided more flexibility by focusing increased funding in the base student allocation. However, at a minimum, both budgets would need to be revised to account for new FTE enrollment figures. In addition, there is concern that education funding may be further reduced to accommodate resolution of the LIP and/or Medicaid expansion issues. This concern has spurred Governor Scott to call for the Legislature provide total education funding of \$7,126 per-student. FSBA encourages you to contact your legislators prior to the start of the Special Session to urge them to safeguard education funding from

reduction as they resolve other budget issues and/or seek tax cuts. Please remind them that, although projected student enrollment has increased since the Governor, House, and Senate released their original budgets, the Legislature still has holds substantial revenue reserves and still has the opportunity to prioritize education and reach a record level of per-student funding.

FSBA LEGISLATIVE SESSION SUMMARY AND RELATED WORKSHOPS AND WEBINARS

In the absence of a state budget, FSBA moved forward with work on our 2015 Legislative Session Summary book. We have completed writing detailed summaries of the education related bills that were passed during the regular Session and we have posted these summaries on the FSBA website. You may access Part I of our Legislative Session Summary on our 2015 Session Resource Center page – please go to <http://fsba.org/2015-legislative-session-resource-center/> or use this direct link to Part I of the Summary: <http://fsba.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/20-Bill-Section-Complete.pdf>.

As you know, at the end of each session, FSBA normally conducts a series of Legislative Session Review Workshops at various locations around the state. However, this year, in the absence of a state budget and the relatively short list of education related bills that passed, we have revised this practice. In place of some of our usual on-site workshops, we have scheduled two webinars to present the most compelling education related bills. The first webinar will devoted to HB 7069 and the **changes to Florida's system of assessment and accountability. The second webinar will present an overview of several other education related bills that passed during the 2015 Legislative Session. In addition to FSBA staff, district lobbyists will be available during both of these webinars to assist with the presentations and to answer your questions. These webinars are free of charge, but we ask those wishing to participate in either or both of these webinars to complete a registration form. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. The schedule and registration links for these webinars are as follows:**

**FSBA Legislative Review Webinar #1
HB 7069 – Assessment & Accountability**

Wednesday, May 27, 2015

12:00 – 1:00 pm

Registration: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6364425567451305985>

FSBA Legislative Review Webinar #2

2015 Education Legislation (NOTE: Unless time permits, this webinar will NOT include a discussion of HB 7069)

Thursday, May 28, 2015

12:00 – 1:00 pm

Registration: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8522398556380953601>

We hope you will be able to join us for one or both of these webinars. However, if this schedule is not convenient, please note that both webinars will be recorded and made available to those that are unable to participate in the live webinar sessions.

I hope you find this information useful. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

LEGISLATURE PASSES ACCOUNTABILITY BILL – HB 7069

In a move that took many observers and education advocates by surprise, the House took up and passed the Senate's version of HB 7069 relating to education accountability. The bill had passed unanimously in the House a few weeks ago, but was amended last week when the Senate took up the House version, stripped out the House bill language, and replaced it with the language of the Senate's version of the accountability bill (SB 616). Though there were relatively few differences between the two versions, most expected that there would be further negotiations between the chambers before a final version was adopted by both chambers. Despite this unexpected turn of events, it is important to emphasize that the bill that passed by the legislature today addresses many of the concerns that had been raised by school board members, superintendents, educators, and parents.

We will provide a more detailed analysis of this bill along with our weekly Video Update on Monday, but for now, we will provide a list of the key provisions of HB 7069. The bill:

- authorizes school to set the school starting date as no earlier than August 10;
- eliminates the 11th grade English Language Arts assessment;
- eliminates requirement for district-wide exams for non-state assessed courses and subjects;
- prohibits districts from giving finals in courses where statewide standardized exams already exist;
- eliminates requirement for progress monitoring;
- limits the amount of time for test administration to no more than 5% of total school hours per student, per year;
- requires that statewide assessment results be returned by the end of the year and district-wide assessment results to be returned within 30 days; eliminates requirement for intensive remedial courses for secondary students;
- reduces the weight given to student performance data used in teacher evaluations from 50% to 33%;
- requires an independent verification of the psychometric validity of statewide, standardized assessments before school grades may be published and before student performance data may be used for teacher and administrator evaluations; and
- provides identification and interventions for students at risk of retention.

Some of these provisions give rise to new questions and concerns. In addition, the bill does not fully address some other concerns that have been raised, particularly

those centering on the technological infrastructure necessary for computer abased assessments to be administered in a manner that minimizes disruption to the teaching and learning for students who are not being assessed during any given testing window. However, some of these concerns may be addressed in other legislation that is still under consideration. We will continue to keep you posted on any developments in these areas.

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

In the Senate **Children, Families, & Elder Affairs Committee:**

SB 344 – Mental Health First Aid Training Program by Sobel -- PASSED

Requiring the Department of Education to establish a mental health first aid training program; requiring the department to use a competitive procurement process to select a statewide association to develop, implement, and manage the program; providing for expiration of the program; providing an appropriation; requiring the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to submit a report to the Legislature by a specified date, etc.

In the House **Education Committee:**

HB 85 – Public School Instruction / Terrorist Attacks by Hill -- PASSED

Requires that instructional staff of public schools provide instruction to students about terrorist attacks occurring on September 11, 2001, & impact of those events.

HB 1045 – Homebound Instruction by Burgess -- PASSED

Requires school districts to provide instruction to homebound or hospitalized students; provides for student eligibility, methods of providing instruction to homebound or hospitalized students, & initiation of services.

HB 1145 – Education / Parent and Student Rights by Sprowls – AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE (CS)

Revises provisions relating to public and private school choice, fiscal transparency, controlled open enrollment, educational funding accountability, assignment of teachers, salary incentives, and certification of adjunct educators. [NOTE: The bill was substantially amended today. These amendments clarify fiscal transparency and reporting requirements, provide more workable timelines for parents to notify the district of their intention to enroll their child in, and transport their child to, any other public school in the district or in the state that has not reached capacity, revise elements to be considered in determining if capacity is available, and provide that student may continue to attend the chosen school until the student completes the highest grade offered by the school. While some of these amendments improve the bill, several issues of concern remain. We will provide a detailed summary of the current version of the bill with our weekly Video Update on Monday.]

HB 1153 – Vocational Rehabilitation by Ingoglia -- PASSED

Requires Workforce Florida, Inc., to include measurable performance goals for employment of persons who have a disability in a state strategic plan.

HB 7125 – Postsecondary Access & Affordability by Higher Education – AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A CS

Revises provisions relating to apprenticeships, postsecondary tuition & fees, tuition differentials, career education, textbooks & instructional materials, & Higher Education Coordinating Council; creates Florida Apprenticeship Grant Program & Rapid Response Education & Training Program; provides requirements for programs.

HB 7127 – Higher Education by Higher Education – AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A CS

Revises provisions relating to apprenticeships, baccalaureate degree programs, career centers & charter technical career centers, applied technology diplomas, common placement test, & adult & workforce education programs.

In the Senate Fiscal Policy Committee:

SB 954 – Involuntary Examinations of Minors by Garcia – AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A CS

Requiring school health services plans to include notification requirements when a student is removed from school, school transportation, or a school-sponsored activity for involuntary examination; requiring a receiving facility to provide notice of the whereabouts of an adult or emancipated minor patient held for involuntary examination; providing conditions for delay in notification, etc.

In the House SESSION:

Bills on 3rd Reading:

HB 361 – Military Housing Ad Valorem Tax Exemptions by Trumbull – READ 3RD TIME; PASSED THE HOUSE

Grants certain leasehold interests & improvements to land owned by U.S. or agency thereof, branch of U.S. Armed Forces, or quasi-governmental agency exemption from ad valorem taxation; exempts such leasehold interests & improvements without need to apply for exemption or property appraiser approving exemption; provides nonapplicability & retroactive applicability.

HB 7141 – Taxation by Finance & Tax – READ 3RD TIME; PASSED THE HOUSE

Increases property tax exemptions for certain persons; reduces tax rate to certain satellite services; revises distributions of tax revenues from sales & use tax, communications services tax, & gross receipts tax; revises provisions concerning communications services tax & rates; exempts various products from sales & use tax; repeals estate tax; requires circuit court judges to provide monthly reports concerning decedents; creates Defense Works in Florida Incentive to reduce computation of adjusted federal income for certain contractors; extends date for tax credit for certain community contribution donations; increases tax credits for rehabilitation of certain contaminated sites; provides various sales tax holidays. [NOTE: This is the House tax cut package, valued at about \$690 million. The Senate tax package is valued at about \$550 million.]

HB 541 – Athletic Trainers by Plasencia – READ 3RD TIME; PASSED THE HOUSE
Deletes requirement for Governor to appoint initial members of Board of Athletic Training; revises board's authorization to adopt certain rules; revises requirements for licensure; authorizes board to require background screening; revises responsibilities of athletic trainers to practice under direction of physician; prohibits sexual misconduct by athletic trainers; prohibits unlicensed practice of athletic training; prohibits unlicensed person from using specified titles; revises which acts constitute grounds for disciplinary action; provides exemptions; revises general background screening provisions to include athletic trainers.

SB 290 – Concealed Weapon / Evacuations by Brandes – READ 3RD TIME; PASSED THE HOUSE; PASSED THE LEGISLATURE
Providing an exemption from criminal penalties for carrying a concealed weapon or a concealed firearm when evacuating pursuant to a mandatory evacuation order during a declared state of emergency, etc. [NOTE: This bill does not address several issues of concern, including situations in which such as what may happen if individuals bring weapons to shelters that prohibit guns and unintended consequences that may ensue under stressful emergency situations.]

In the Senate Appropriations Committee:

SB 686 – Military Housing Ad Valorem Tax Exemptions by T. Lee – PASSED
Providing that certain leasehold interests and improvements to land owned by the United States, a branch of the United States Armed Forces, or any agency or quasi-governmental agency of the United States are exempt from ad valorem taxation under specified circumstances; providing that such leasehold interests and improvements are entitled to an exemption from ad valorem taxation without an application being filed for the exemption or the property appraiser approving the exemption, etc.

SB 818 – Maximum Class Size by Garcia – AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A CS
Requiring the calculation of a school district's class size categorical allocation reduction at the school average when maximum class size requirements are not met; revising the calculation, etc.

SB 1050 – Agriculture and Consumer Services by Montford – AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A CS
Removing provisions requiring the department to give certain priority consideration when evaluating applications for funding of agriculture education and promotion facilities; authorizing the department to secure letters of patent, copyrights, and trademarks on work products and to engage in acts accordingly; authorizing the Commissioner of Agriculture to create an Office of Agriculture Technology Services; repealing provisions relating to the authority of the Florida Forest Service to dedicate and reserve state park lands for public use, etc.

SB 1054 – Retirement by Evers – PASSED
Authorizing local agency employers to reassess designation of positions for inclusion

in the Senior Management Service Class; providing for removal of certain positions, etc.

**SB 1114 – Membership Associations that Receive Public Funds by Stargel --
PASSED**

Requiring a membership association that receives more than a specified percentage of its budget from public funds to file a report with the Legislature; prohibiting a membership association whose membership dues are paid for by public funds from expending such funds on litigation against the state, etc.

COMING UP TOMORROW

There are not legislative committee meetings of interest scheduled for tomorrow. Our next Daily Update will be issued on Monday, April 13, 2015.

I hope you find this information useful. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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SPECIAL SESSION UPDATE

Governor Scott issued a press release stating, among other things, his intention to establish a Commission on Healthcare and Hospital Funding charged with examining health care issues and gathering information that could inform the building of a budget before July 1. In addition, the Governor stated that he would immediately begin working with the House and the Senate on a budget that would continue funding for critical Florida programs. Also, in a letter sent today to House Speaker Crisafulli, Senate President Gardiner proposed calling for the Special Session to convene June 1 and end no later than June 20. President Gardiner stated that this schedule would allow sufficient time for the federal government to provide clear guidance regarding continued federal funding for the Low Income Pool and related matters. As of this writing, Speaker Crisafulli has not responded to President Gardiner's proposal. We will keep you informed of any further developments as the Governor, Senate President, and House Speaker pursue negotiations on scheduling the Special Session.

UPDATE ON THE EARLY ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE

In the latest action in the disagreement over the early adjournment of the House, this afternoon the Senate Democratic Caucus filed an emergency petition for a Writ of Mandamus with the Florida Supreme Court asking the Justices to deliver an expedited ruling on whether the House of Representatives violated the state Constitution earlier this week by its motion to unilaterally adjourn, sine die, without prior notice. The Supreme Court has responded with an order for the House to respond to the petition by 10:00 am tomorrow. Speaker Crisafulli has indicated that he will respond to the petition, but stated that he has no plans to ask House members to return to Tallahassee at this time. We will let you know the outcome of this court action. **[NOTE: A Writ of Mandamus is an order from a court to a government official ordering the government official to properly fulfill their official duties.]**

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

As we anticipated, the Senate did not convene to conduct business today, so no action was taken on the bills that had been posted on the agenda and it appears unlikely that the Senate will convene tomorrow unless the Florida Supreme Court issues a ruling ordering the House to reconvene. We will keep you posted. In the meantime, we have compiled a **preliminary** list of education related bills that were passed thus far. Many of these bills have only modest or tangential provisions relating to school districts. The list below represents the more substantial legislation.

We are working on detailed summaries of these bills and will provide them to you as soon as possible.

HB 41 – Hazardous Walking Conditions by Metz
HB 133 – Sexual Offences by Plasencia
HB 153 – Literacy Jump Start Pilot Project by L. Lee
SB 290 – Concealed Weapon / Evacuations by Brandes
SB 378 – Juvenile Justice Civil Citations by Garcia
HB 361 – Military Housing Ad Valorem Tax Exemptions by Trumbull
HB 383 – Private Property Rights by Edwards
HB 461 – Independent Higher Educational Facilities by Sullivan
SB 538 – Sexual Cyberharassment by Simmons
HB 541 – Athletic Trainers by Plasencia
HB 565 – Retirement / Senior Management Service Class by Beshears
SB 642 – Individuals with Disabilities / Florida ABLE Program by Benacquisto (also linked bills SB 644 & SB 646)
SB 778 – Local Government Construction Preferences by Hays
SB 954 – Involuntary Examinations of Minors by Garcia
SB 982 – Florida Civil Rights Act by Thompson
SB 984 – Exemption / Legislative Lobbying Requirements by Braynon
HB 1253 – School District of Palm Beach County by Rooney
HB 7019 – Workforce Services by Economic Development
SB 7024 – State Board of Administration by Government Oversight
SB 7028 – Out-of-State Fee Waivers / Veterans by Military & Veteran Affairs
HB 7069 – Education Accountability by Education
SB 7078 – Child Welfare by Children, Families & Elder Affairs

COMING UP TOMORROW

Unless there is important news to report regarding the Special Session or other legislative or judicial actions, we will not be issuing a Daily Update tomorrow. Our next Daily Update, along with our last Weekly Video Update, will be issued on Monday.

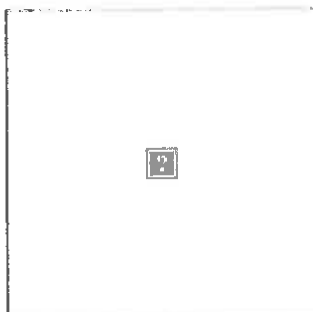
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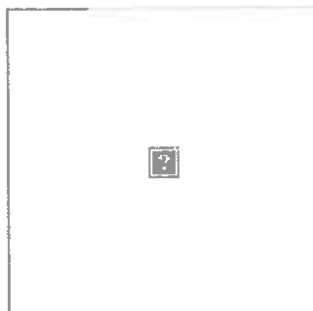
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Rick Scott on WFTV-ORD (ABC) - Orlando, FL

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Eyewitness News @ 4 (News)

... will be reopening next week. . >>> today rick scott signed the bill limiting the number of standardized tests that our children take in school. >> capped it at our 5 hours a ...



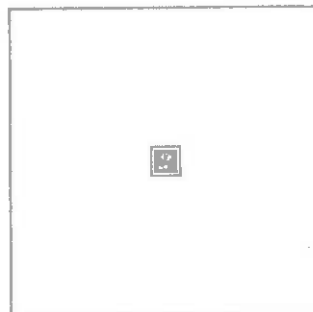
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Rick Scott on WINK-FTM (CBS) - Fort Myers, FL

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WINK News @ 4PM (News)

... fewer tests for students! this morning-- governor rick scott signed a bill... reducing the number of high-stakes standardized tests. the measure eliminates the 11th ...



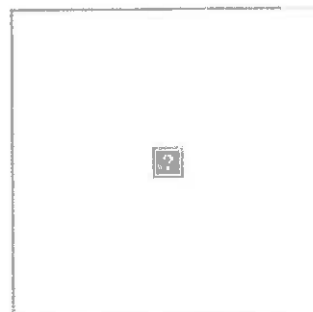
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Rick Scott on WESH-ORD (NBC) - Orlando, FL

04/14/2015 16:15:59

WESH 2 News at 4:00pm (News)

... if there's any surveillance video of the incident. >>> governor rick scott has signed a bill reducing the number of tests florida students will have to take. the eliminated tests including ...



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Rick Scott on WFTS-TB (ABC) - Tampa Bay, FL

04/14/2015 16:20:54

The Now Tampa Bay (News)

... at 4:30, students may be celebrating less testing. governor rick scott signed a bill today restricts how many they can take. >>> billion s dollars spent on prescription medication. ...

Rick Scott on WFTS-TB (ABC) - Tampa Bay, FL

04/14/2015 16:31:45

The Now Tampa Bay (News)



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... will hear directly from aaron's father. >>> and governor rick scott signing a bill today, reducing the amount of testing florida students will from v to take. he agrees with many teachers and ...



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Rick scott on WDBO-FM (Radio) - Orlando, FL

04/14/2015 16:33:20

... healing a Bill that prevents adoption by day periods it will head the Governor Rick Scott for his signature it for the Reel doing is 96 5 Ehrlich that helped lift your back yard they tasted near or above was made what we hear that they cannot this ...



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Rick scott on WESH-ORD (NBC) - Orlando, FL

04/14/2015 16:37:32

WESH 2 News at 4:00pm (News)

... 38-year-old ban on gay adoption is heading to governor rick scott's desk. the senate passed the bill that would give cash incentives to state workers who adopt children in foster care especially those ...



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Rick scott on Fox News - U.S. Cable

04/14/2015 16:41:53

Your World With Neil Cavuto (News)

... fighting over this guy's support? florida governor rick scott next. "ride away" (by roy orbison begins to play) i ride the highway... ..



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Rick scott on Fox News - U.S. Cable

04/14/2015 16:51:23

Your World With Neil Cavuto (News)

... choose? let's ask him. florida governor rick scott. governor, glad to have you back with us. >> neil, great to see you. it's exciting. ...

Rick scott on Fox News - U.S. Cable

04/14/2015 16:54:28

Your World With Neil Cavuto (News)

... thank you very much. >> nice seeing you. >> governor rick scott. it's



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very hip for republicans to say she is too old to be president. and this guy -
- what? ...



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Rick scott on WOLB-AM (Radio) - Baltimore, MD

04/14/2015 16:55:48

... attracted the car to go to a one one highly accurate name or forward rick scott remarks
keepers are inflaming only for cubans the ability of clear whether any of the people are than last
year harshly thomas wood one one or even keel ...



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Rick scott on WCTV (CBS) - Tallahassee, FL

04/14/2015 17:00:16

Eyewitness News at 5:00 (News)

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that limits the number of tests and ...

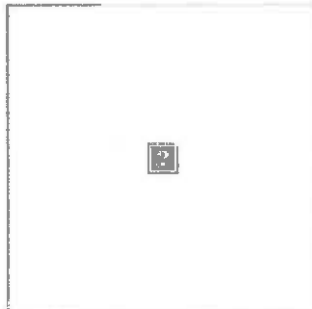


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Rick scott on WWSB (ABC) - Tampa Bay, FL

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... news. >> christopher, thank you. governor rick scott signs a bill today
that places new limits on standardized tests in florida and let's schools start
the year earlier in the summer. ...



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Rick scott on WBBH-FTM (NBC) - Fort Myers, FL

04/14/2015 17:05:42

NBC 2 News @ 5 (News)

... mandated tests in school. governor rick scott has now signed legislation
cutting back the number of tests. ...

Rick scott on WKMG-ORD (CBS) - Orlando, FL

04/14/2015 17:06:10

Local 6 News @ 5 (News)

... more than 45 hours of standardized exams a year. governor rick scott



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just signed the changes into law and moments after the news broke, the seminole county school district tweeted out that classes will ...



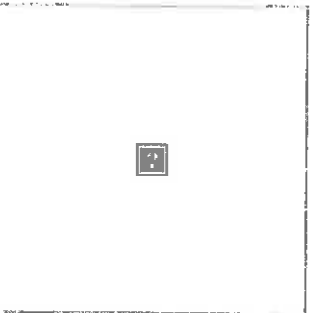
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Rick scott on WTXL (ABC) - Tallahassee, FL

04/14/2015 17:06:59

ABC 27 First News at 5:00 (News)

... open since 1970. now in your political news... governor rick scott signs a bill in to law today that will place new limits on standardized tests. the new law will cap statewide ...



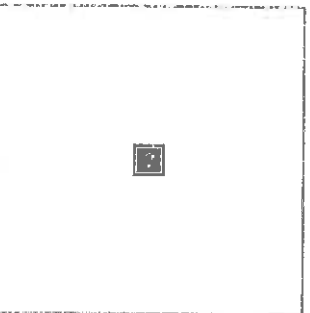
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Rick scott on WTLV-JAX (NBC) - Jacksonville, FL

04/14/2015 17:07:11

First Coast News at 5:00PM (News)

... passed in 1977. the measure now heads to governor rick scott. the bill's sponsor called the current ban meaningless because it's no longer enforced. but senator alan hays called the ...



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Rick scott on WFTS-TB (ABC) - Tampa Bay, FL

04/14/2015 17:07:11

Action News at 5PM (News)

... . >>> the florida governor rick scott has signed a bill to scale back high stakes testing in public schools. this sweeping measure eliminates some exams, releases how much ...



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Rick scott on Capital Public Radio - Sacramento, CA

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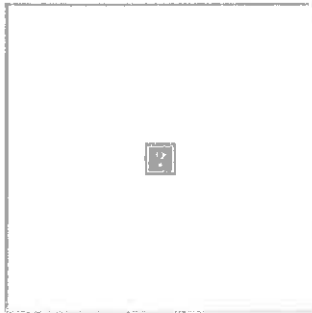
... equipment cranes and industrial lift proxy also has a site in Rancho Cordova Governor Rick Scott just wrapped up a visit to California he strangled poor jobs from one close to the of the KPC sees them Bowman reports where 15th new life into a war ...

Rick scott on WBBH-FTM (NBC) - Fort Myers, FL

04/14/2015 17:08:04

NBC 2 News @ 5 (News)

... the desk of governor rick scott. vo the bill gives cash incentives to state



workers ...

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Rick scott on WTXL (ABC) - Tallahassee, FL

04/14/2015 17:08:10

ABC 27 First News at 5:00 (News)

... adoption --- is heading for the desk of governor rick scott. by a vote of 27-11, the state senate passed a bill on tuesday that would give cash incentives to state workers ...

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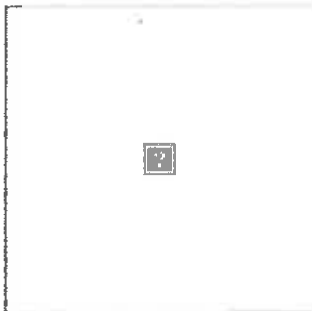


Rick scott on Central Florida News 13 - Orlando, FL

04/14/2015 17:09:28

... allen, news 13. marla: It is up to governor rick scott to repeal a nearly 40-year-old ban on gay adoption, today state senator approved a bill to end the ban on allowing too many gays to adopt children. ...

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Rick scott on WPEC (CBS) - West Palm Beach, FL

04/14/2015 17:09:55

CBS 12 News---5:00 (News)

... school. governor rick scott signed a bill into law today. the new law caps statewide standardized ...

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Rick scott on WKRQ (CBS) - Mobile, AL

04/14/2015 17:10:04

WKRG News 5 at 5:00 (News)

... town." meantime florida governor rick scott signs a bill limiting the number of standardized tests given to students in public schools. the bill was passed by the ...



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Rick scott on WBBH-FTM (NBC) - Fort Myers, FL

04/14/2015 17:19:22

NBC 2 News @ 5 (News)

... ruled themselves out - like governor rick scott and florida attorney general pam bondi. on the other side.. with democrats... only a couple of names ...



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Rick scott on WBBH-FTM (NBC) - Fort Myers, FL

04/14/2015 17:25:23

NBC 2 News @ 5 (News)

... can't waste time on complicated math. sot rick scott, deputy chief "it's already a stressful situation with children as you probably know." track paramedics ...



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Rick scott on WDBO-FM (Radio) - Orlando, FL

04/14/2015 17:32:59

... the for the Fish and wildlife conservation Commission were installed next I find challenge rolling next year and Gov Rick Scott signing a bill and although will place new limits and serialized testing the new large caps testing for 5 hours each year and also what school ...



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Rick scott on WPBF (ABC) - West Palm Beach, FL

04/14/2015 17:35:15

WPBF 25 News at 5:00 (News)

... ruled against it it remains in law. rick scott signed a law reducing the testing students take. even eventh grade english language art's tests much teachers and ...

Rick scott on Central Florida News 13 - Orlando, FL

04/14/2015 17:39:24

... dreams to come true. >> reporter: so that bill now on its way to governor rick scott's desk, the issue may not be over with a bill in the



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house that would allow private adoption agencies to ban adopting to gayor
je ...



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Rick scott on WTSP-TV (CBS) - Tampa Bay, FL

04/14/2015 17:45:41

10 News at 5:30pm (News)

... >>> we could see a big shakeup in florida. governor rick scott has
already sald he wants to run for senate in 2000 18. that leaves an empty
governor seat, so who would run then? ...



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Rick scott on WDBO-FM (Radio) - Orlando, FL

04/14/2015 17:54:03

... sex stories with one being prostitutes by the agency says no in Governor Rick Scott signed a
Bill into law are proving you win it's on standardized testing it will win the testing before the 5
hour siege you end up horrific ...



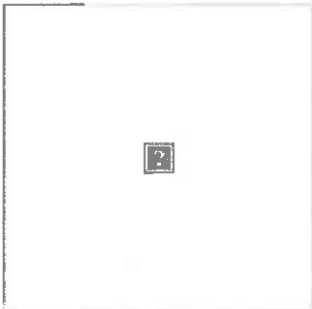
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Rick scott on WCTV (CBS) - Tallahassee, FL

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Eyewitness News at 6:00 (News)

... legislative session has been signed Into law. governor rick scott signed
house bill 70-69 today... it will reduce the number of ...



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Rick scott on WEAR (ABC) - Mobile, AL

04/14/2015 18:04:19

Channel 3 News (News)

... they will continue taking the fsa's through may 8th. >>> florida
governor rick scott signed a bill into law llimiting standardized tests. the new
law caps statewide standardized testing at 45 ...

Rick scott on WZVN-FTM (ABC) - Fort Myers, FL

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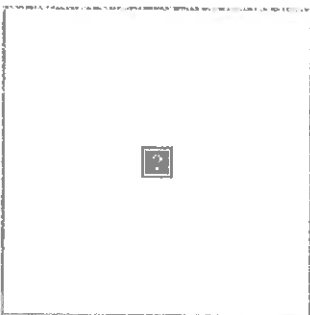
ABC7 News @ 6PM (News)

... claim their kids are forced to take too many tests. rick scott signed a law



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cutting back on the number of mandated tests in our state and makes changes to the way teachers are evaluated. ...



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Rick scott on WVEA (Univision) - Tampa Bay, FL

04/14/2015 18:05:07

Noticias Tampa Bay (Noticias)

... hasta que finalmente se rindio. ya es oficial, el gobernador rick scott....firmo esta mañana un proyecto de ley que dara paso a que los estudiantes de escuelas publicas, tomen menos pruebas ...



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Rick scott on WFLA-TB (NBC) - Tampa Bay, FL

04/14/2015 18:05:50

News Ch8 at 6PM (News)

... earlier start to the school year. today rick scott signed a law that would capstan cardized testing to 45 hours a year and reduce the weight the test scores have in teacher ...



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Rick scott on WEAR (ABC) - Mobile, AL

04/14/2015 18:06:52

Channel 3 News (News)

... facing a health care budget short fall. he says governor rick scott and the agency for health care adratn should have done more. >> we've known this was coming ...

Rick scott on WBBH-FTM (NBC) - Fort Myers, FL

04/14/2015 18:07:20

NBC 2 News @ 6 (News)

... forced to take too many tests at school. governor rick scott signed a bill that cuts back on state-mandated tests. districts will also be allowed to move up the start of the ...



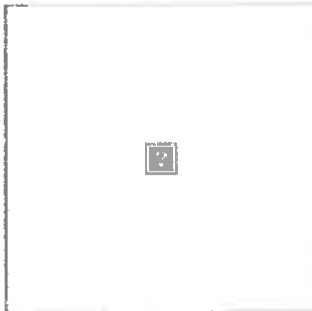
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Rick Scott on WMBB (ABC) - Panama City, FL

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News 13 at 6 (News)

... students will be taking fewer tests... today, governor rick scott signed house bill 7069. governor scott said, "this legislation reduces the number of tests our ...



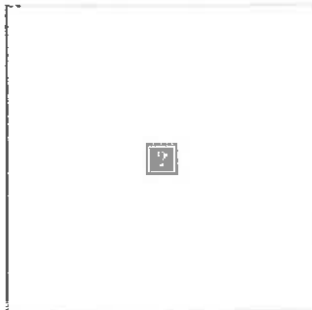
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Rick Scott on WFTX-FTM (FOX) - Fort Myers, FL

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Fox 4 News at Six (News)

... under a bill just signed by governor rick scott. scott signing the measure into law this morning. it was overwhelmingly ...

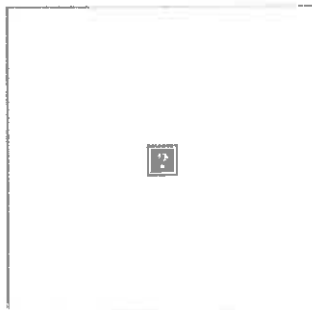


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Rick Scott on Central Florida News 13 - Orlando, FL

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Rick Scott on WFTV-ORD (ABC) - Orlando, FL

04/14/2015 18:10:22

Eyewitness News @ 6 (News)

... julie salomone, channel 9 eye witness news. >>> today governor rick scott signed a bill limiting the number of standardized tests the bill capped the testing at 45 minutes a year. ...



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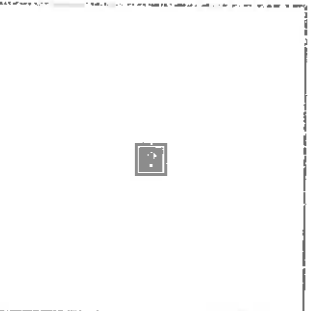
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Rick scott on WPTV (NBC) - West Palm Beach, FL

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NewsChannel 5 at 6 (News)

... recovering in a miami burn unit. today governor rick scott is making it official: there will be new limits on standardized tests in florida. today the governor signed the ...



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Rick scott on Bay News 9 - Tampa Bay, FL

04/14/2015 18:17:54

... family met with governor rick scott today to receive the award. griggs is known for mentoring new firefighters as ...



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Rick scott on Real Radio 104 - Orlando, FL

04/14/2015 18:26:35

... of approaching it paid for the taxpayer money Gov Rick Scott think you have a right to know of the crowd protesting to include the board were to switch Academy which judges prosecutor the government can't afford a ...



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Rick scott on WDBQ-FM (Radio) - Orlando, FL

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... The federal state tax would rub against car the death tax Governor Rick Scott signed the bill winning the number of standardized tests or children taken score the Bill caps interest testing for 5 hours a year these changes come following a grassroots push ...

Rick scott on WZVN-FTM (ABC) - Fort Myers, FL

04/14/2015 19:03:02

The 7 O'Clock News (News)

... back to school august 17th this year. florida governor rick scott signed a bill setting that date in stone today. vo again, august 17th. the date had been uncertain prior to that. state ...



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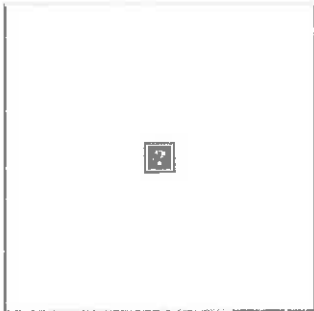


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Rick scott on WOKV-AM (Radio) - Jacksonville, FL

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... rules for Riyadh employees said the right direction but far from the end delayed for Governor Rick Scott signed a bill capping standardized testing for still inspire do also burned any live visas the Bill required to increase District's testing we ...



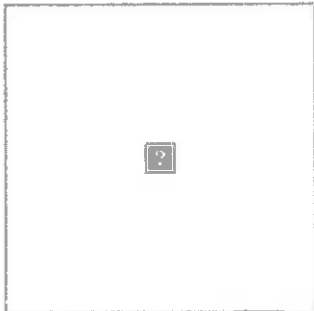
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Rick scott on KING-SEA (NBC) - Seattle, WA

04/14/2015 19:05:12

King 5 News (News)

... the bill now heads to the desk of florida's republican governor rick scott. >>> hillary clinton picked the perfect place for the start of her low-key presidential campaign. ...



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Rick scott on WKMG-ORD (CBS) - Orlando, FL

04/14/2015 19:07:14

Local 6 News at 7 (News)

... originally planned. the move came minutes after governor rick scott signed a bill that allows schools to start as early as august 10th and cuts the number of standardized testing hours. ...



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Rick scott on Central Florida News 13 - Orlando, FL

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Rick scott on WTLH (FOX) - Tallahassee, FL

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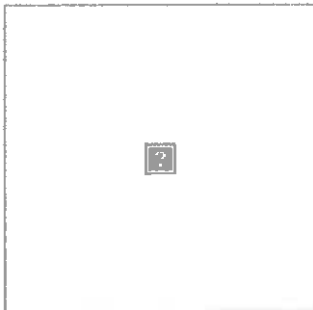


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Rick scott on WFOX - Jacksonville, FL

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Action News at 10:00pm (News)

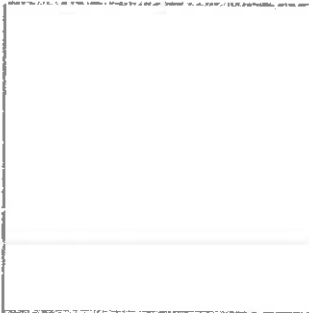
... and evidence shows severe beating evidence. >>> rick scott will be at flight star aircraft service on the west side to highlight job growth. the press conference will begin ...

Rick scott on WJXT-JAX - Jacksonville, FL

04/14/2015 22:22:37

The 10 O'Clock News (News)

... jetta models. >> mary: coming up tomorrow, governor rick scott will be in jacksonville, talking job growth at a local business. we'll let you know what he says. plus, tomorrow is the deadline ...



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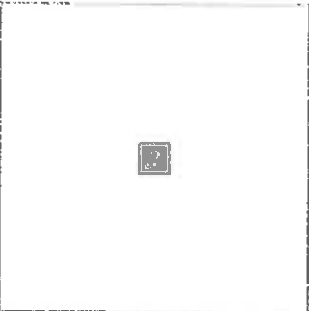
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Rick scott on WPSD (NBC) - Paducah, KY

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The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (Other)

... president hiding?" [laughter] rick scott said, "we should probably just forget about it." [laughter and applause] jeb bush said, "are there aliens among us?" ...



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Rick scott on KSNT (NBC) - Topeka, KS

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Rick scott on WFTX-FTM (FOX) - Fort Myers, FL

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FOX News at Ten (News)

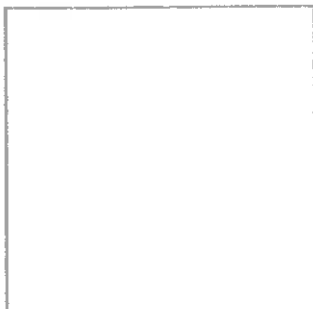
... the love of space travel. governor rick scott and the florida cabinet approving the sale of land near miami to build ...

Rick scott on WMBB (ABC) - Panama City, FL

04/14/2015 23:06:16

Jimmy Kimmel Live (Other)

... results of people contacting their legislators." governor rick scott was quoted today - saying "while this legislation is a great step forward...we will keep working to make sure florida ...



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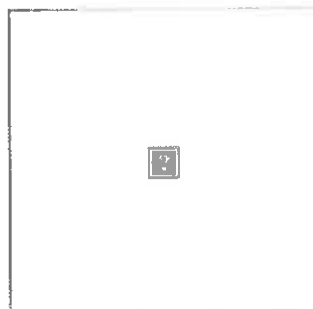
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Rick scott on WINK-FTM (CBS) - Fort Myers, FL

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WINK News (News)

... take fewer tests-- in order to graduate. governor rick scott just approved a plan-- that reduces the amount of high-stakes, standardized tests-- to 45 hours ...



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Rick scott on WZVN-FTM (ABC) - Fort Myers, FL

04/14/2015 23:10:41

ABC7 News @ 11PM (News)

... everglades. registration opens in october. jeff: rick scott has signed a bill putting limits on standardized testing. 45 hours for an entire school year. ...



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Rick scott on WPTV (NBC) - West Palm Beach, FL

04/14/2015 23:11:09

NewsChannel 5 at 11 (News)

... starting next school year there will be less testing. today governor rick scott made it a official.the new law caps statewide standardized testing at 45 hours a year. it also allows school districts move ...

Rick scott on WCJB (ABC) - Gainesville, FL

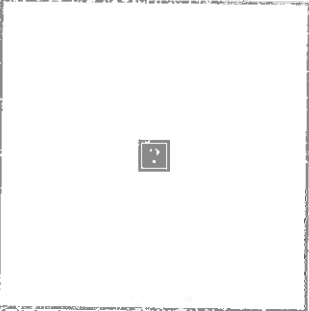
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WCJB TV 20 News at 11 (News)

... any further delay." the bill will now make it to governor rick scott's office. ncfl temps: temps in the 60's & 70's in most areas. ncfl radsat: stormvision tracking a few tshowers across ...



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Rick scott on WJXT-JAX - Jacksonville, FL

04/14/2015 23:24:52

News4Jax at 11PM (News)

... the state is selling 82 acres to a mega mall developer. the governor rick scott approved the sale despite objections that the land should have been put up for bids. the american dream miami mall is ...



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Rick scott on Bay News 9 - Tampa Bay, FL

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To Be Announced (Other)

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Governor of Florida on CTV Toronto - Canada Toronto

04/15/2015 00:27:19

The Daily Show With Jon Stewart (Other)

... to eliminate fundings like art history and anthropology. the governor of florida sald we don't need any more anthropologists in florida, which actually i think anthropologist could do a lot to ...



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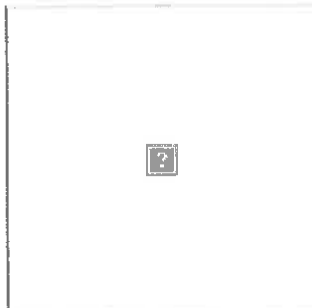


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Rick Scott on WOLB-AM (Radio) - Baltimore, MD

04/15/2015 01:01:14

... unknowable priori pole of attraction that the cause of cuba one bomb ie high achiever name or forward rick scott to remind people that are labeled in cuba for the level of care where they are being of the people are now asking ...



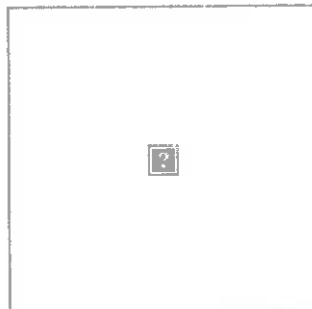
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Florida Governor on WOFL-ORD (FOX) - Orlando, FL

04/15/2015 01:03:39

FOX 35 News at 10PM (News)

... he will run or not in may or june. >>> former florida governor jeb bush has still not made any official announcement about whether or not he will run even though he is ...



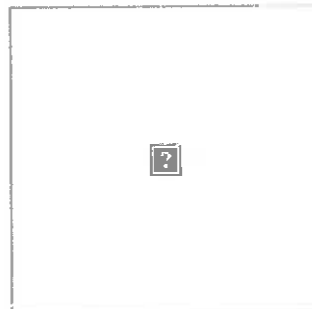
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Rick Scott on Bay News 9 - Tampa Bay, FL

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To Be Announced (Other)

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Rick Scott on Al Jazeera America - U.S. Cable

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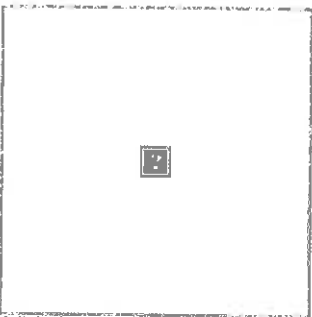
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Rick scott on WCJB (ABC) - Gainesville, FL

04/15/2015 02:21:56

WCJB TV 20 News at 11 (News)

... any further delay." the bill will now make it to governor rick scott's office. ncfl temps: temps in the 60's & 70's in most areas. ncfl radsat: stormvision tracking a few tshowers across ...



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3 in the Morning - 4:30AM (News)

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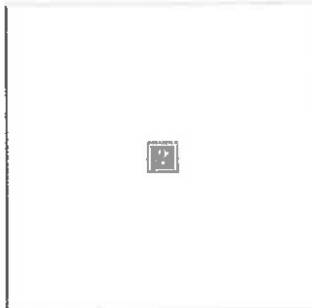
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Rick scott on WBBH-FTM (NBC) - Fort Myers, FL

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NBC 2 News Early Today (News)

... august tenth. governor rick scott signed the bill on tuesday cg n-b-c 2 found out - collier county ...



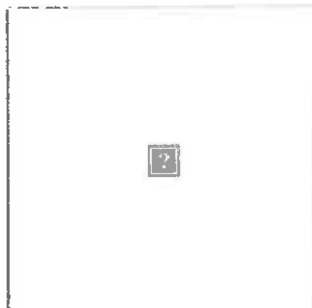
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Rick scott on WINK-FTM (CBS) - Fort Myers, FL

04/15/2015 04:48:42

WINK News This Morning (News)

... to graduate. governor rick scott just approved a plan-- that reduces the amount of high-stakes, standardized tests-- to 45 hours ...



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Rick scott on WPTV (NBC) - West Palm Beach, FL

04/15/2015 05:03:49

Today on 5 at 5 (News)

... the day circled on the calendar right now. governor rick scott just signed off on a new law that will allow the school year to start as early as august 10ththe county decided not to go that far but ...

Rick scott on WPBF (ABC) - West Palm Beach, FL

04/15/2015 05:05:15

WPBF 25 News Mornings (News)

... take fewer standardized tests thanks to a brand-new law. governor rick scott signed that law yesterday, reducing the number of tests. schools are now limited to 45 hours of testing per year. ...



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Rick scott on WTLV-JAX (NBC) - Jacksonville, FL

04/15/2015 05:08:49

Good Morning Jacksonville Sunrise (News)

... jacksonville at 530-could we see a scenario where governor rick scott trades places with senator marco rubio? more on that possibility at 535. and don't forget- the first televised debate between ...



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Rick scott on WJAX - Jacksonville, FL

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Action News at 5:00am on CBS47 (News)

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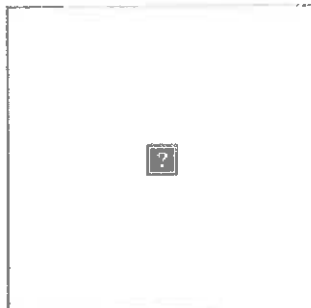
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Rick scott on WCJB (ABC) - Gainesville, FL

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WCJB TV 20 News: Morning Edition (News)

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Rick scott on CW18 WKCF - Orlando, FL

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WESH 2 News Sunrise (News)

... avoid a judge's demand to appear this court. >>> governor rick scott could sign a bill to repeals a ban on gay adoptions paving the way for same-sex couples to adopt. it was ruled unconstitution ...

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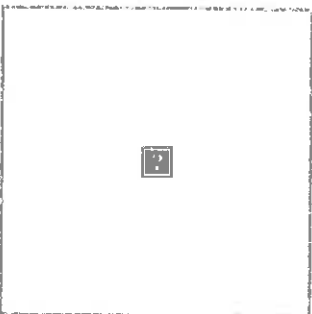
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Rick scott on WCTV (CBS) - Tallahassee, FL

04/15/2015 05:34:34

Daybreak (News)

... response plan during the bridge work.. governor rick scott signs a new bill into law some students may like.. and gay adoption in ...



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Rick scott on WJAX - Jacksonville, FL

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Action News at 5:30am on CBS47 (News)

... 40 year ban. it now heads to governor rick scott's desk for his signature. a select group of alachua county residents with ...



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Rick scott on WFOX - Jacksonville, FL

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Action News at 5:30am (News)

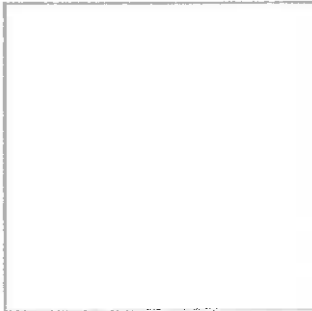
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Rick scott on WTLV-JAX (NBC) - Jacksonville, FL

04/15/2015 05:37:36

Good Morning Jacksonville Sunrise (News)

... florida's ban on gay adoptions. the bill is heading to governor rick scott, after learning the recently repeals a law first passed in 1977. the bill's sponsor says the current ban meaningless ...



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Rick scott on WBBH-FTM (NBC) - Fort Myers, FL

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NBC 2 News @ 5am (News)

... passed in 1977. it now heads to gov. rick scott's desk. senator don gaetz, the sponsor of the bill, called the ...

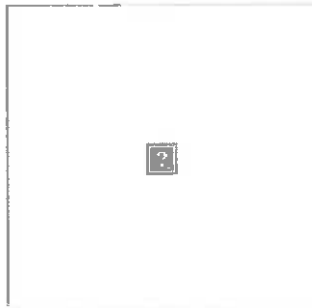


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Rick scott on WFTX-FTM (FOX) - Fort Myers, FL

04/15/2015 05:39:59

Fox 4 Rising at 5 AM (News)

... here in the sunshine state. governor rick scott and the florida cabinet approving the sale of land near miami to build ...

Rick scott on WJXT-JAX - Jacksonville, FL

04/15/2015 05:41:33

News4Jax at 5AM (News)

... the state is selling 82 acres to a mega-mall developer. governor rick scott approved the sale -- despite objections that the land should have been put up for bid. the "american dream mall" is ...



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Rick scott on WJAX - Jacksonville, FL

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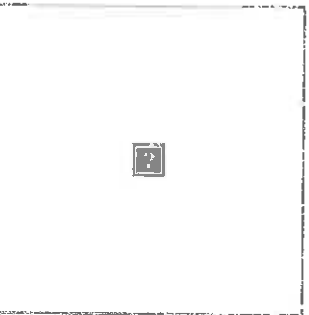
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Rick scott on WPBF (ABC) - West Palm Beach, FL

04/15/2015 05:51:11

WPBF 25 News Mornings (News)

... the county will then sell the land to the developer. governor rick scott and the florida cabinet approved the land sale despite objections the land should be put up for bid. the \$4 billion project will ...

Rick scott on WFTV-ORD (ABC) - Orlando, FL

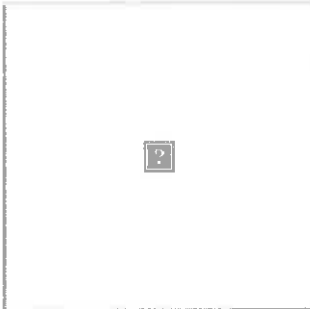
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Eyewitness News Daybreak (News)

... tablets will be installed in all restaurants by 2016. >>> rick scott approved selling ache raj, building the country's largest shopping and entertainment complex, including a ski slope, the ...



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Rick scott on WPTV (NBC) - West Palm Beach, FL

04/15/2015 06:04:21

Today on 5 at 6 (News)

... school in palm beach county is earlier than you think. governor rick scott just signed off on a new law that will allow the school year to start as early as august 10th. newschannel 5's christina noce ...



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Rick scott on WPBF (ABC) - West Palm Beach, FL

04/15/2015 06:04:28

WPBF 25 News Mornings (News)

... taking fewer standardized tests thanks to a brand-new law governor rick scott signed that law yesterday reducing the number of tests. schools are now limited to 45 hours of testing per year. ...



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Rick scott on AM 860 - Portland, OR

04/15/2015 06:06:27

... a 4 day battle over and at that point i didn't stick around aide to gov rick scott hubbard the if the two people wore gillnet jeep cherokee this was briefly lifted in the air by the tornado but they were and hurt ...



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Rick scott on WDBO-FM (Radio) - Orlando, FL

04/15/2015 06:11:09

... still flooded take the risk they analyzed tests yesterday Governor Rick Scott signed all while limiting the number of test didn't want to take the bill also suspends the state aid to a school grading system until it can be studied ...

Rick scott on WINK-FM (CBS) - Fort Myers, FL

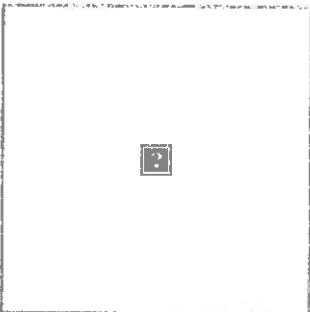
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WINK News This Morning (News)

... override a presidential veto. fewer tests for our kids. that's what governor rick scott put into law after signing a bill reducing the number of high- stakes standardized ...



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Rick scott on WCJB (ABC) - Gainesville, FL

04/15/2015 06:24:09

WCJB TV 20 News: Morning Edition (News)

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Rick scott on WMBB (ABC) - Panama City, FL

04/15/2015 06:32:33

News 13 This Morning (News)

... straight ahead on news 13 this morning..... rick scott signs a bill that means less testing for students. and.... the tourist development council makes plans to bring a new sports village to panama ...



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Rick scott on WTXL (ABC) - Tallahassee, FL

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ABC 27 News at Sunrise (News)

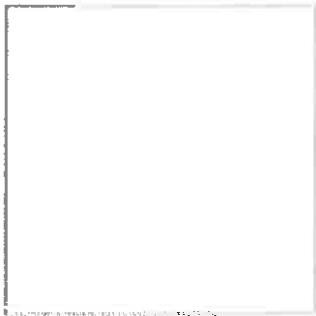
... the attic. other news this morning.. florida governor rick scott signed a bill in to law yesterday that will place new limits on standardized tests. the new legislation will cap ...

Rick scott on WMBB (ABC) - Panama City, FL

04/15/2015 06:37:00

News 13 This Morning (News)

... the amount of standardized testing in public schools. yesterday rick scott signed a bill that caps the amount of time students can spend testing -- 45 hours a school year. ...



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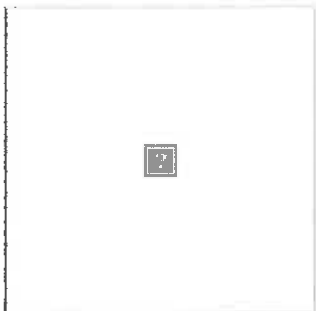
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Rick scott on WTLV-JAX (NBC) - Jacksonville, FL

04/15/2015 06:37:25

Good Morning Jacksonville (News)

... a hate crime. happening today:florida governor rick scott is in jacksonville to talk job growth. he'll speak in about three hours at flightstar aircraft services.flightstar ...



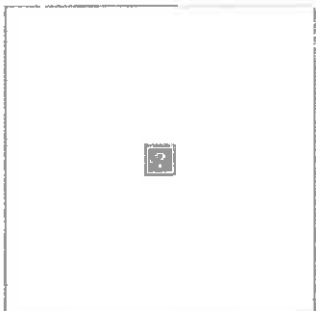
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Rick scott on WFTX-FTM (FOX) - Fort Myers, FL

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Fox 4 Rising at 6 AM (News)

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WPBF 25 News Mornings (News)

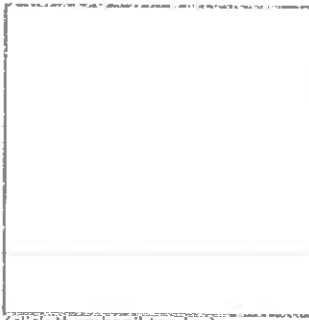
... environmentally friendly. >> news to go time 6:56. governor rick scott haa now signed a bill that reduces the number of tests florida students will now have to take. schools are now limited to 45 ...

Rick scott on WJAX - Jacksonville, FL

04/15/2015 06:58:37

Action News at 6:00am on CBS47 (News)

... and looking to move to a new location in the next few days. >>> florida governor rick scott will be at flight star services on the west side to highlight job growth. the news conference will be at ...



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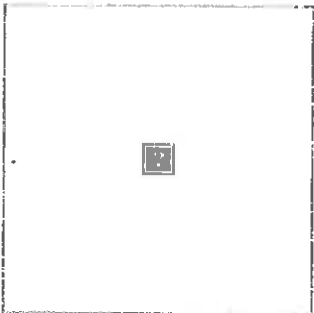


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Rick scott on WFLA-AM (Radio) - Tampa Bay, FL

04/15/2015 07:05:16

... Impasse over Medicaid expansion is hanging over Tallahassee Gov Rick Scott says he is refusing to allow expression of the health care program for the state's low income residents to the federal government cutting off two billion dollars in funding ...

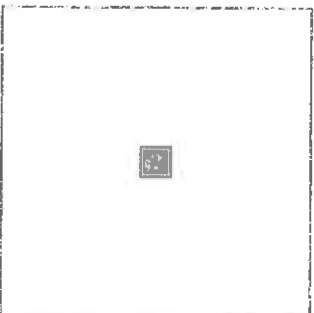


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Rick scott on WTLH (FOX) - Tallahassee, FL

04/15/2015 07:05:53

... legislative session has been signed into law. governor "rick scott" signed "house bill 70-69" yesterday . it'll "reduce" the ...



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Rick scott on WJXT-JAX - Jacksonville, FL

04/15/2015 07:09:10

The Morning Show (News)

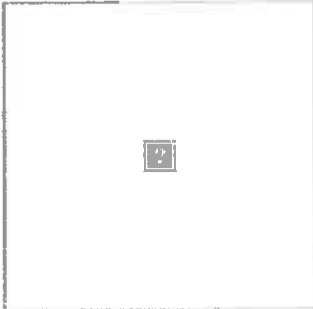
... the death penalty. >> in just a few hours governor rick scott will be back near the river city and he's talking jobs. >> he'll be at flight star aircraft services n. ...

Rick scott on Central Florida's TV 27 - Orlando, FL

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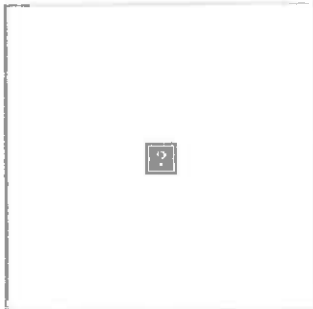
Eyewitness News This Morning (News)

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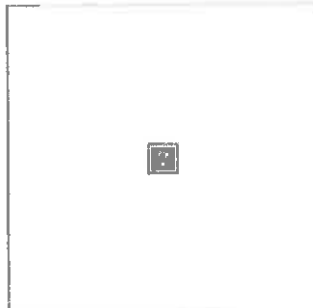
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Rick scott on CW18 WKCF - Orlando, FL

04/15/2015 07:18:02

WESH 2 News on CW18 (News)

... the last 38 years. today the bill heads to governor rick scott's desk for signing. an appeals are court ruled the band on gay adoption was unconstitutional back in 20 2e7b. ...



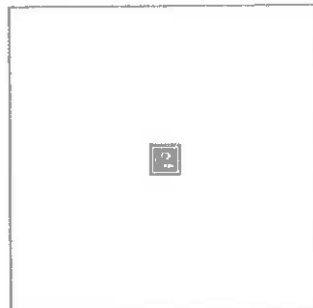
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Rick scott on WPTV (NBC) - West Palm Beach, FL

04/15/2015 07:27:54

Today (News)

... day of school in palm beach county is earlier than you think. governor rick scott just signed off on a new law that will allow the school year to start as early as august 10th. palm beach ...



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Rick scott on WMBB (ABC) - Panama City, FL

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Good Morning America (News)

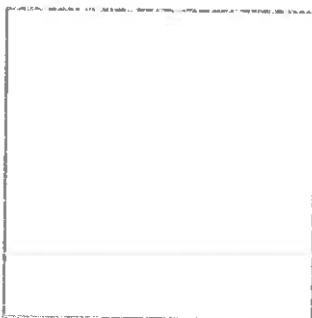
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Rick scott on WFLX (FOX) - West Palm Beach, FL

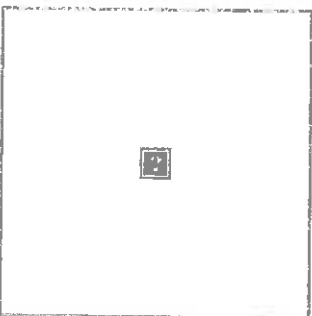
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Fox 29 Morning News (News)

... in palm beach county is earlier than you think. governor rick scott just signed off on a new law that will allow the school year to start earlier--- this year august 17--- this means ...



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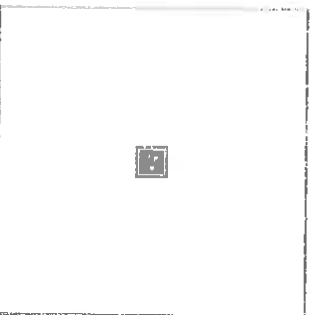
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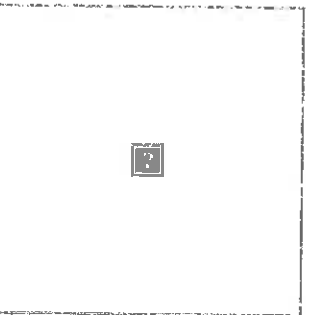
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Rick scott on WFTX-FTM (FOX) - Fort Myers, FL

04/15/2015 07:40:10

Fox 4 Rising at 7 AM (News)

... wants a lock on the re-sell market. governor rick scott and the florida cabinet approving the sale of land near miami to build ...



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Rick scott on Central Florida's TV 27 - Orlando, FL

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Eyewitness News This Morning (News)

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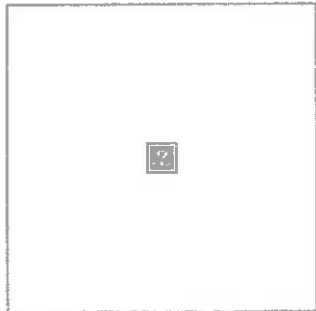


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Rick scott on WFLA-AM (Radio) - Tampa Bay, FL

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Rick scott on WFTS-TB (ABC) - Tampa Bay, FL

04/15/2015 09:34:24

Action News at 9AM (News)

... law that first passed in 1977. It heads to governor rick scott. the sponsor of the bill calls the current bill meaningless and said it is no longer in force. ...



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Rick scott on WZVN-FTM (ABC) - Fort Myers, FL

04/15/2015 09:40:21

ABC7 News @ 9AM (News)

... officials will be consulting their calendars after governor rick scott signs a bill that would allow schools to start classes earlier next year. ss abc7 has learned that collier county will begin ...

Rick scott on CNBC - U.S. Cable

04/15/2015 09:43:01

Squawk on the Street (News)

... macro front. empire was a miss. rick scott has t at the cne. >> hi carl.



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we have soft data. we dropped a quick three basis points. ...



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Rick Scott on WEAR (ABC) - Mobile, AL

04/15/2015 11:05:33

Channel 3 News Dayside (News)

... an adoption law that repeals the law, first passed in 1977. now, it's awaiting rick scott's approval. It was ruled unconstitutional five years ago, and the house has passed a separate conscience ...



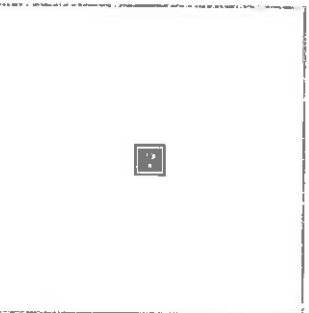
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Rick Scott on WWLP-SPR (NBC) - Springfield, MA

04/15/2015 11:05:34

Mass Appeal (Lifestyle)

... plant? ed: we would wait until the rick scott to be about 1/4" to 1/2" long. you don't want to wait too long. seth: so much more ground to cover. ...



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Rick Scott on WTXL (ABC) - Tallahassee, FL

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ABC 27 News 12p (News)

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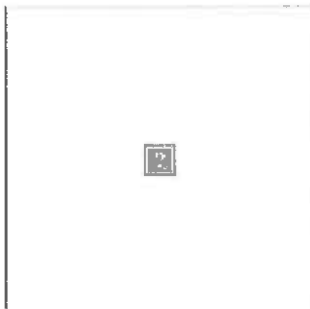
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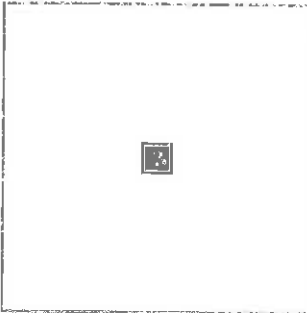


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From: Commissioner Stewart
Subject: [Spam:***** SpamScore] STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION VOTES UNANIMOUSLY TO CONTINUE TO CHAMPION HISTORIC PER-STUDENT FUNDING DURING THE SPECIAL SESSION
Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2015 12:10:11 PM

Good Afternoon Superintendents,

Each of the State Board of Education members just voiced their support for Governor's Scott's proposal to increase per-pupil funding to record levels for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. When the Florida Legislature reconvenes next month, our state's legislators will work toward establishing the state budget and I believe this additional funding is in the best interest of all of our state's students. During the State Board meeting this morning, I fully support and the Board voted unanimously on a resolution to urge our legislators to honor the Board's and Governor's request to reach historic levels of per-pupil funding. We issued the following press release and wanted to share it with you because it is of such critical importance for our state's students.

I know that all of you are committed to operating efficiently and since our state is experiencing a budget surplus, you are well positioned to make meaningful use of these dollars. I encourage you to share this information and offer your wholehearted support of this proposal as we approach the 2015 Special Session.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Pam Stewart



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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION VOTES UNANIMOUSLY TO CONTINUE TO CHAMPION HISTORIC PER-STUDENT FUNDING DURING THE SPECIAL SESSION

Bunnell, Fla., May 20, 2015 – Today, the State Board of Education voted unanimously to support Governor Rick Scott's proposal to achieve historic per-student funding for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year. The Florida Legislature called for a Special Session to establish a budget and the Board requests that the Legislature includes this in their budget.

Education Commissioner Pam Stewart said, "As we approach the 2015 Special Session, it would be remiss of me if I did not mention that I believe the most critical component is incorporating Governor Scott's proposal to increase Florida's per-student funding to historic levels. I know that our districts are good stewards of our taxpayer dollars and will be able to make meaningful use of these additional funds to improve student outcomes. I am proud that there is unanimous support among the Board for this important funding for our schools."

State Board Chair Gary Chartrand said, "Florida is one of the largest states in the nation, and I know that some of the best and brightest minds are sitting in classrooms throughout the state. Educators can make all the difference in the life of a struggling student, but they must have the necessary resources. I am optimistic that our students' tremendous success in recent years will compel the Florida Legislature to allocate record per-student funding."

State Board Vice Chair John R. Padget said, "Florida's economic future is linked to today's education priorities. I'm anticipating and hoping that the Legislature will deliver the highest per-pupil funding for Florida's students, guaranteeing a vibrant future for Florida's economy."

State Board Member Marva Johnson said, "All Florida families should have access to a quality education that prepares their daughters and sons for successful futures and builds a world class work force for businesses in our

state. With 2.7 million students in more than 4,200 K-12 public schools throughout the state, the Florida Legislature has a tremendous opportunity to make an investment that will impact every single Floridian."

State Board Member John A. Colón said, "Each child, youth and young adult I encountered along the way has reaffirmed my belief that our state's children possess endless potential. We must make every effort to ensure we provide our state's schools with the resources they need to help their students set and reach goals that will keep them on a path to success. It is in that vein that I respectfully request the Legislature honor Governor Scott's request to fund Florida's education system at historic levels."

State Board Member Rebecca Fishman Lipsey said, "Our state's most valuable asset is our children, and we have a responsibility to ensure they are prepared to achieve academic and career success. I urge the Florida Legislature to stand up for our students and teachers during the 2015 Special Session by reaching historic per-student funding for Florida's education system."

State Board Member Michael Olenick said, "The students in today's classrooms will soon be joining the workforce, and it is essential they have the skills necessary to thrive in a global economy. We must do everything in our power to remain on this path that has greatly benefited Florida's families, and I strongly believe that achieving historic per-pupil funding for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year is the right choice for the people of Florida."

State Board Member Andy Tuck said, "As a parent, I have helped my children on their academic journeys and I have been incredibly grateful that they have access to a world-class education system in our great state, and I know I am not alone in wanting the very best for my children. By investing record amounts in our state's education system, the Florida Legislature has an opportunity to ensure all of our state's teachers and schools have the resources they need to prepare Florida's students for success in college, career and in life. As a longtime resident of Highlands County, I know the impact will be particularly valuable for rural counties."

For more information about the historic per-pupil funding proposal, click [here](#).

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From: Ruth Melton
To: McDougal, Kim
Subject: [Spam:***** SpamScore] FSBA Daily Update -- March 12, 2015
Date: Thursday, March 12, 2015 6:58:20 PM

Ladies and Gentlemen:

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

In the House Education Appropriations Subcommittee:

HB 143 – American Founders' Month by Bileca -- PASSED

Designates September as "American Founders' Month"; authorizes Governor to annually designate month; requires district school boards to celebrate American Founders by observing American Founders' Month; provides that instruction may be integrated into existing school curriculum.

HB 153 – Literacy Jump Start Pilot Project by L. Lee – PASSED

Requires Office of Early Learning to establish pilot project in St. Lucie County to assist low-income, at-risk children in developing emergent literacy skills; requires OEL to select organization to implement pilot project; provides eligibility requirements for participation; requires background screening for childcare personnel; requires OEL to allocate funds for pilot project.

HB 357 – Principal Autonomy Pilot Program by M. Diaz – PASSED

Creates Principal Autonomy Pilot Program Initiative; provides requirements for participation, exemptions, professional development, rulemaking, & reporting; provides authorization period for participation in program; provides for renewal or revocation of authorization to participate in program; revises school district minimum classroom expenditure requirements; requires district school boards participating in program to provide certain funding allocations; provides additional authority & responsibilities to school principals of participating school districts; specifies contents of professional development program.

HB 935 – Individuals with Disabilities / Florida ABLE Program by R. Rodrigues – PASSED

Creates "Florida Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act"; requires Florida Prepaid College Board to establish direct-support organization known as "Florida ABLE, Inc."; authorizes organization to use certain services, property, & facilities of Florida Prepaid College Board; provides that specified moneys, assets, & income of qualified ABLE program, including Florida ABLE program, are not subject to attachment, levy, garnishment, or certain legal process in favor of certain creditors or claimants.

HB 937 – Florida ABLE Program Trust Fund by Rodrigues -- PASSED

Creates Florida ABLE Trust Fund within State Board of Administration; authorizes sources of funds; specifies purpose of trust fund & authorized uses of assets; provides for future review & termination or re-creation of trust fund; provides for

contingent effect.

HB 7017 – Early Learning by Education – AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE (CS)

Includes large family child care homes in local zoning regulation requirements; revises certain minimum standards for child care facilities & requirements for certain personnel; provides for inspection of programs regulated by DCF; provides exemptions from child care facility licensing standards; revises restrictions on residential property insurance coverage to include coverage for large family child care homes & Child Care Executive Partnership; provides OEL with authority to allocate certain funds.

HB 7037 – School Choice by Choice & Innovation -- AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A CS

Revises provisions relating to charter school application, certain appeals, funding for and payments to charter schools, long-term charters, nonrenewal, termination, and closure of charter schools, financial statements, charter school representatives and public meetings, governing board residency requirements, high-performing charter schools, termination of virtual instruction provider contracts, and charter school professional development; establishes Florida Charter School Innovation Institute. [NOTE: Three amendments were adopted: The first provides that, upon approval of an application, the charter school may notify the district of its intent to defer the opening of the school's operations for up to two years to provide time for adequate facility planning. The sponsor may not require a charter school to provide written notice of its intent to defer earlier than 15 calendar days before the first day of school. The second amendment provides that any unrestricted surplus or unrestricted net assets identified in the charter school's annual audit may be used by the not-for-profit or municipal entity organizing or operating the charter school for any educational purpose. The third amendment provides an appropriation of \$1,000,000 to create and implement the Florida Institute for Charter School Innovation.]

HB 7043 – Standard Student Attire by K-12 – PASSED

Designates act as "Students Attired for Education (SAFE) Act"; authorizes school boards to adopt standard student attire policy; limits liability for districts that implement attire policy; creates safe schools allocation to provide funding for certain safe schools activities; provides for withholding of funds from districts that do not comply with certain school safety & student discipline reporting; authorizes additional funds for districts that implement standard student attire policy; provides appropriation.

HB 7069 – Education Accountability by Education – AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A CS; PLACED ON SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR FOR 3/17/15

Revises provisions relating to uniform opening date of public schools, high-performing school districts, student and parent rights, student remediation, scholar designation for standard high school diploma, statewide standardized assessment program, administration and proctoring of assessments, student progression, student evaluation for college readiness, research-based reading instruction allocation, salary schedules, evaluation procedures and criteria, teacher certification, and professional

development. **[NOTE: Several amendments to the bill were approved today, including an amendment that added additional instructional strategies that may be included a district's comprehensive reading plan; an amendment providing that the student assessment program is designed to, among existing elements, provide information to improve instruction; and an amendment creating an incentive award for highly achieving high schools that have 65% or more of their student population eligible for free and reduced price lunch.]**

HB 665 – Maximum Class Size by Moraitis – AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A CS
Revises calculation of school district's class size categorical allocation reduction to school average when maximum class size requirements are not met; provides for expenditure of funds.

In the Senate **Children, Families, & Elder Affairs Committee:**

SB 238 – Athletic Coaches by Ring -- PASSED

Requiring an independent sanctioning authority to dismiss an athletic coach ejected from a game for the remainder of that sport season under certain circumstances; authorizing such athletic coach to resume working under certain circumstances, etc.

SB 878 – Children and Youth Cabinet by Montford – AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A CS

Revising the membership of the cabinet to include a superintendent of schools, etc.

In the House **Criminal Justice Subcommittee:**

HB 571 – Personal Privacy by R. Rodrigues -- AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A CS
*Designates act as "Florida Privacy Protection Act"; provides that digital data is protected from unreasonable search & seizure; prohibits certain government agencies from selling personal information; prohibits use of certain radar devices by law enforcement agency without warrant; prohibits disclosure of certain Internet protocol addresses; regulates collection of images from unmanned aircraft; restricts searches of portable electronic devices; prohibits government entities from entering into nondisclosure agreements with vendors of device monitoring equipment; provides that evidence unlawfully collected is not admissible; prohibits certain state agency use of license plate readers; requires school district contracts involving student data to contain provision barring contractors from selling data; provides that student data shall not be provided to Federal Government or commercial interests without written permission of parent or guardian, or of student; prohibits companies from mining student data; prohibits DHSMV from incorporating certain devices into driver license or identification card; prohibits DHSMV from collecting fingerprints or DNA material for certain purposes. **[NOTE: This bill was substantially amended by a "strike all" amendment. The revised bill retains provisions relating to student data privacy and the obligations of school districts, and particularly school board members, to protect that student data.]***

In the Senate **Rules Committee:**

SB 290 – Concealed Weapon / Evacuations by Brandes – AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A CS; PLACED ON SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR FOR 3/18/15

Providing an exemption from criminal penalties for carrying a concealed weapon or a

concealed firearm when evacuating pursuant to a mandatory evacuation order during a declared state of emergency, etc.

In the House Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee:

HB 7019 – Workforce Services by Economic Development & Tourism -- PASSED
Renames Workforce Florida, Inc., as CareerSource Florida, Inc.; holds in abeyance specified provisions relating to Workforce Estimating Conference; requires EDR to develop & test labor market economic model & submit report; provides for future repeal; creates task force on preparation for state's implementation of federal Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act; provides membership & duties of task force; requires task force to submit report & recommendations for approval by CareerSource Florida, Inc.; requires CareerSource Florida, Inc., to submit specified state plan to USDOL; provides for abolishment of task force.

In the House Education Committee:

HB 7057 – School Administration by K-12 – AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A CS
Revises provisions relating to a school district strategic plan, certain standards for certain personnel and school officers, early warning system for certain students, annual review of certain procedures, compulsory student attendance, protected school speech, parental access to homework, out-of-field teachers, related records, policies, court hearings, and penalties, high school equivalency diploma, parental notices for exceptional students, bullying & harassment, certain school districts policies, and certain policies for principals, district school boards employees, and suspension of educator certifications. [NOTE: Several amendments were adopted today including amendments authorizing additional internal audits as directed by the district school board; clarifying circumstances in which students may be counted in attendance; creating a distinction between cases of “no! nenrollment” and nonattendance;; revising accountability and state approval for school leader preparation programs; establishing an additional goal for professional development program; and requiring training to be provided through school leader preparation programs.]

The Committee also conducted a Workshop on proposed legislation relating to personal learning scholarship accounts and relating to extracurricular activities.

In the House Health & Human Services Committee:

HB 55 – Children and Youth Cabinet by Harrell -- PASSED
Revises membership of Children & Youth Cabinet to include a superintendent of schools; etc..

In the House Finance & Tax Committee:

HB 37 – Voluntary Contributions for Education Facilities by Raschein – AMENDED AND PASSED WITH A CS
Authorizes participating business that registers with DOR to solicit & collect contributions from customers for construction & maintenance of public education facilities; provides registration requirements; requires participating business to file return & remit contributions to DOR; requires DOR to deposit contributions into PECO

& Debt Service Trust Fund; authorizes DOR to adopt emergency rules.

COMING UP TOMORROW

There are no legislative committees of interest scheduled for tomorrow.. Look for our next Daily Update on Monday, March 16.

I hope you find this information useful. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Ruth

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From: Lewis, McKinley
To: Schutz, Jackie
Subject: *DRAFT* Florida Lawmakers to Vote on Job Killing Legislation Tomorrow
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2017 5:31:50 PM



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 March 9, 2017

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Florida Lawmakers to Vote on Job Killing Legislation Tomorrow

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Tomorrow, members of the Florida House of Representatives will vote on HB 7005, a bill which eliminates a large majority of Florida's economic development and jobs programs. The State of Florida relies heavily on these programs to diversify and strengthen our economy by attracting targeted industries and good, high-paying jobs that improve the lives of Florida families.

Below, please see a list of current members that have supported economic development programs through various bills from 2011-2016, that are eliminated in HB 7005:

Member	HB 1325: Economic Development (2016)	HB 7067: Economic Development (2015)	HB 5401: Economic Development (2015)	HB 4013: Tax Refund Programs (2013)	HB 5601: Economic Development (2013)	HB 7087: Economic Development (2012)	HB 7069: Economic Development Tax Refund Programs (2012)	HB 879: Targeted Economic Development (2011)
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Below is a list of programs that are eliminated in HB 7005:

- Enterprise Florida, Inc.
- Florida Defense Alliance
- Florida Small Business Development Center Network
- Quick Response Training Program
- Institute for the Commercialization of Public Research
- Capital Investment Tax Credit
- State of Florida International Offices
- Qualified Defense Contractor and Space Flight Business Tax Refund Program
- Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund Program
- Brownfield Redevelopment Bonus Refunds
- High Impact Business Performance Incentive
- Quick Action Closing Fund
- Innovation Incentive Program
- Marketing and Image Campaign Enterprise Florida, Inc.

- Florida Small Business Technology Growth Program
 - Florida Capital Formation Act
 - Florida Opportunity Fund Creation and Duties
 - Microfinance Guarantees Program
 - Urban High-Crime Area Jobs Tax Credit Program
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- New Market Development Program
 - New Market Tax Credit
 - Limited sales and use tax exemption for education-related purchases
 - Entertainment Industry Tax Credit
 - Office of Film and Entertainment
 - Florida Film and Entertainment Industry Advisory Council
 - Entertainment industry qualified production companies
 - International Game Fish Association World Center Facility
 - Florida Technology Seed Capital Fund
 - Economic Development Transportation Projects
 - SEED Trust Fund
 - Tourism Promotional Trust Fund
 - Florida International Trade and Promotion Trust Fund

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From: Wyland, Kerri
To: Leadership Team; Press; Appointments
Subject: *UPCOMING IN 10 MINUTES* Governor Rick Scott Reappoints Two to State Board of Education
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 4:52:30 PM



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Governor Rick Scott Reappoints Two to State Board of Education

Tallahassee, Fla. – Today, Governor Rick Scott announced the reappointments of Gary Chartrand and John Colón to the State Board of Education.

Chartrand, 60, of Ponte Vedra Beach, is the executive chairman of Acosta Inc. He is reappointed for a term beginning February 26, 2015, and ending December 31, 2018.

Colón, 63, of University Park, is a senior vice president at Wells Fargo Advisors. He is reappointed for a term beginning February 26, 2015, and ending December 31, 2018.

The appointments are subject to confirmation by the Florida Senate.

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From: Lattanze, Clare
To: Press; Leadership Team
Subject: *UPCOMING IN 10 MINUTES* Governor Rick Scott Signs 38 Bills Into Law
Date: Wednesday, March 21, 2018 5:19:32 PM



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Governor Rick Scott Signs 38 Bills Into Law

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Today, Governor Rick Scott signed the following bills into law:

- CS/HB 135** **Motor Vehicle Registration Applications** – This bill requires the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to include language on the motor vehicle registration application that allows a deaf or hard of hearing applicant to indicate voluntarily that he or she is deaf or hard of hearing.
- HB 155** **State Symbols** – This bill removes the scheduled repeal of the state saltwater reptile and state horse designations and designates the Florida Cracker Cattle as the official state heritage cattle breed.
- HB 193** **Mortgage Brokering** – This bill reduces burdensome mortgage business regulations on securities dealers, investment advisors, and associated persons under certain conditions.
- HB 281** **Incarcerated Parents** – This bill ensures that parents who are incarcerated are included in case planning for their children who are in the child welfare system.
- CS/HB 333** **Minimum Officer Qualifications** – This bill exempts those who have served in the special operations forces from certain officer training requirements.
- CS/HB 361** **Persons Authorized to Visit Juvenile Facilities** – This bill revises laws related to persons authorized to visit juvenile facilities.

CS/CS/HB 455	Governance of Banks and Trust Companies – This bill makes changes regarding residency and experience requirements for executives of a state-chartered bank or trust company.
HB 491	Theft – This bill increases fines for the theft of certain commercially farmed animals and bee colonies from a registered beekeeper.
HB 513	Distributing Pharmaceutical Drugs and Devices – This bill amends pharmacy regulation requirements for certain manufactures and distributors of dialysis drugs or supplies.
CS/HB 539	Alarm Confirmation – This bill provides additional ways for alarm monitoring companies to confirm residential or commercial intrusion/burglary alarm signals, such as text messaging.
HB 545	Prohibition Against Contracting with Scrutinized Companies – This bill prohibits agencies and local governmental entities from contracting with companies that boycott Israel.
CS/CS/HB 551	Public Records/Health Care Facilities – This bill provides a public record exemption for construction documents of certain health care facilities, such as hospitals and surgical centers.
CS/CS/HB 591	Missing Persons – This bill expands “Project Leo,” a project for missing persons with special needs, to all centers for autism and related disabilities at state universities across Florida.
HB 617	Covenants and Restrictions – This bill expands and modifies laws related to association covenants and restrictions.
HB 639	Equitable Distribution of Marital Assets and Liabilities – This bill creates a formula that more fairly calculates marital assets and liabilities.
HB 651	State Employment – This bill eliminates the Florida State Employees’ Charitable Campaign.
CS/HB 661	Business Filings – This bill authorizes a person to correct a business record filed with the Florida Department of State if the record contains false, misleading, or fraudulent information.
CS/CS/HB 735	Mammography – This bill codifies federal requirements regarding information provided to the patient.

CS/HB 755	Public Records/Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network – This bill creates a public record exemption for information relating to the First Responder Network Authority.
CS/HB 935	Mortgage Regulation – This bill makes it illegal for an individual to misrepresent a residential mortgage loan as a business purpose loan.
HB 953	Consumer Report Security Freezes – This bill prohibits the charging of a fee for placing or removing a security freeze on a consumer report.
CS/CS/HB 1011	Homeowner's Insurance Policy Disclosures – This bill requires homeowner insurance policies to disclose in bold, 18-point font that the policy does not cover flood damage.
CS/HB 1055	Public Records/Addiction Treatment Facility Personnel – This bill provides a public record exemption for identifying and location information of employees of substance abuse providers.
CS/CS/HB 1127	Public Records and Meetings/Citizens Property Insurance Corporation – This bill creates a public records and public meetings exemption for certain data and information held by Citizens Property Insurance Corporation relating to information technology security programs.
CS/CS/HB 1165	Trauma Services – This bill amends sections of law relating to the approval of trauma centers and trauma data.
CS/HB 1177	Joint Task Force on State Agency Law Enforcement Communications – This bill adds a representative of the Florida Sheriffs Association to the Joint Task Force on State Agency Law Enforcement Communications.
CS/HB 1187	Guardianship – This bill requires that certain information necessary as part of an investigation of a guardian be provided to the Office of Public and Professional Guardians.
CS/CS/HB 1217	Deployed Parent Custody and Visitation – This bill comprehensively addresses issues of child custody, visitation, and support that arise when parents are deployed.
CS/HB 1267	Telephone Solicitation – This bill allows telephone companies to block calls from certain numbers consistent with federal regulations.
CS/CS/HB 1361	Clerks of Court – This bill updates the procedures of

dispensing of surplus funds after a foreclosure, matching the treatment of any other unclaimed property held by a clerk of court.

- HB 1437** **Employment Services for Persons with Disabilities** – This bill increases employment opportunities for participants in the Division of Blind Services and Division of Vocational Rehabilitation work experience programs.
- HB 6033** **Volunteer Florida, Inc.** – This bill removes the sunset date for the Volunteer Florida Foundation.
- HB 7011** **A Review Under the Open Government Sunset Review Act/School Food and Nutrition Service Program** – This bill continues the public records exemption of personal identifying information collected for school food and nutrition programs.
- HB 7013** **A Review Under the Open Government Sunset Review Act/False Claims** – This bill reenacts a public records exemption for information held by the Department of Legal Affairs during an active investigation of a violation of the False Claims Act.
- HB 7041** **A review under the Open Government Sunset Review Act/Ethics complaints and investigations** – This bill continues the public records and meetings exemptions for specified complaints, referrals, and meetings of the Florida Commission on Ethics and local Commissions on Ethics.
- HB 7053** **Public Records/United States Census Bureau** – This bill provides a public records exemption for census address data as required by federal law.
- HB 7059** **Optometry** – This bill makes changes to the optometrist license application process.
- CS/HB 7069** **Trust Funds** – This bill continues the Florida ABLE Program Trust Fund, which allows people with disabilities to save money to support their health, independence, and quality of life.

To view the transmittal letter, click [HERE](#).

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From: Lattanze, Clare
To: Press
Cc: Ivasco, Priscilla; Elana Samuels; Collins, Jessica; Kraeft, Erin
Subject: *UPCOMING IN 5 MINUTES* Scott/ Lopez-Cantera Administrative Schedule for Thursday, June 15, 2017
Date: Thursday, June 15, 2017 9:33:04 AM

**GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT SCHEDULE
FOR
THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2017**

7:00-8:00am **STAFF AND CALL TIME**
Location: The Capitol
Address: 400 South Monroe Street
 Tallahassee, FL 32399

8:00am-1:30pm **CLEMENCY MEETING**
Location: The Capitol
Address: 400 South Monroe Street
 Tallahassee, FL 32399
Room: Cabinet Meeting Room

3:20-3:35pm **STAFF AND CALL TIME (VIA PHONE)**

3:45pm **HB 7069 SIGNING AND BUDGET HIGHLIGHT EVENT**
Location: Morning Star Catholic School
Address: 930 Leigh Avenue
 Orlando, FL 32804

4:40-5:30pm **STAFF AND CALL TIME**
Location: Orlando, FL

5:30pm **CALL WITH CONGRESSMAN MARIO DIAZ-BALART**

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**LT. GOVERNOR LOPEZ-CANTERA'S SCHEDULE
FOR
THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2017**

10:30-11:00am **STAFF AND CALL TIME**

12:00-1:00pm **STAFF AND CALL TIME**

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From: Lewis, McKinley
 To: Leadership Team; Press
 Subject: *UPCOMING IN 5 MIN* Florida Lawmakers to Vote on Job Killing Legislation Tomorrow
 Date: Thursday, March 9, 2017 6:12:59 PM



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 March 9, 2017

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Florida Lawmakers to Vote on Job Killing Legislation Tomorrow

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Tomorrow, members of the Florida House of Representatives will vote on HB 7005, a bill which eliminates a large majority of Florida's economic development and jobs programs. The State of Florida relies heavily on these programs to diversify and strengthen our economy by attracting targeted industries and good, high-paying jobs that improve the lives of Florida families.

Below, please see a list of current members that have supported economic development programs, including Enterprise Florida, through various bills from 2011-2016, that are eliminated in HB 7005:

Member	HB 1325: Economic Development (2016)	HB 7067: Economic Development (2015)	HB 5401: Economic Development (2015)	HB 4013: Tax Refund Programs (2013)	HB 5601: Economic Development (2013)	HB 7087: Economic Development (2012)	HB 7069: Economic Development Tax Refund Programs (2012)	HB 879: Targeted Economic Development (SB 2156) (2011)
Abruzzo						Y	Y	
Ahern		Y		Y		Y	Y	Y
Albritton	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y
Antone	Y			Y				
Avila		Y						
Berman				Y		Y	Y	
Beshears	Y	Y						
Bileca		Y		Y				
Boyd	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y
Brodeur	Y	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y
Burgess		Y						
Burton	Y	Y						
Caldwell		Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y
Combee	Y	Y		Y				
Corcoran		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Cortes, B.	Y	Y						
Cruz			Y	Y		Y	Y	
Cummings	Y	Y						
Diaz, J.	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y
Diaz, M.		Y		Y				
Drake	Y	Y				Y	Y	Y
Dubose	Y							
Eagle		Y						
Edwards	Y							
Eisnagle	Y	Y				Y	Y	Y
Fant	Y	Y						
Fitzenhagen	Y	Y						
Gonzalez	Y	Y			Y			
Goodson	Y	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y
Grant, J.		Y		Y		Y	Y	Y
Hager	Y	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y
Harrell	Y	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y
Harrison	Y	Y				Y	Y	Y
Ingoglia		Y						
Ingram	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jenne		Y				Y		
Jones	Y	Y						
La Rosa	Y	Y		Y				
Latvala	Y	Y						
Lee	Y							
Magar		Y		Y				
McGhee	Y							
Metz	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y
Miller, M.	Y	Y						
Moraitis	Y	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y

Moskowitz	Y	Y		Y				
Nunez		Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y
Oliva		Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	
Peters	Y	Y		Y				
Pigman		Y		Y				
Plakon	Y	Y				Y	Y	Y
Plasencia	Y	Y						
Porter	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y
Pritchett	Y			Y				
Raburn	Y	Y		Y				
Rascheln	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Raulerson	Y	Y		Y				
Renner		Y						
Richardson	Y		Y	Y				
Santiago	Y	Y						
Spano	Y	Y						
Sprows		Y						
Stafford	Y		Y					
Stark	Y							
Stevenson	Y	Y						
Stone	Y	Y		Y				
Sullivan		Y						
Trullio		Y		Y		Y	Y	Y
Trumbull	Y	Y						
Watson, B.	Y							
Watson, C.	Y							

Below is a list of programs that are eliminated in HB 7005:

- Enterprise Florida, Inc.
- Florida Defense Alliance
- Florida Small Business Development Center Network
- Quick Response Training Program
- Institute for the Commercialization of Public Research
- Capital Investment Tax Credit
- State of Florida International Offices
- Qualified Defense Contractor and Space Flight Business Tax Refund Program
- Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund Program
- Brownfield Redevelopment Bonus Refunds
- High Impact Business Performance Incentive
- Quick Action Closing Fund
- Innovation Incentive Program
- Marketing and Image Campaign Enterprise Florida, Inc.
- Florida Small Business Technology Growth Program
- Florida Capital Formation Act
- Florida Opportunity Fund Creation and Duties
- Microfinance Guarantee Program
- Urban High-Crime Area Jobs Tax Credit Program
- New Market Development Program

- New Market Tax Credit
- Limited sales and use tax exemption for education-related purchases
- Entertainment Industry Tax Credit
- Office of Film and Entertainment
- Florida Film and Entertainment Industry Advisory Council
- Entertainment industry qualified production companies
- International Game Fish Association World Center Facility
- Florida Technology Seed Capital Fund
- Economic Development Transportation Projects
- SEED Trust Fund
- Tourism Promotional Trust Fund
- Florida International Trade and Promotion Trust Fund

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From: Lewis, McKinley
To: Press; Leadership Team
Subject: *UPCOMING* GOV. SCOTT SIGNS MAJOR EDUCATION BILL; INCREASES GARDINER SCHOLARSHIPS, TEACHER BONUSES
Date: Thursday, June 15, 2017 4:01:31 PM



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GOV. SCOTT SIGNS MAJOR EDUCATION BILL; INCREASES GARDINER SCHOLARSHIPS, TEACHER BONUSES

ORLANDO, Fla. – Today, Governor Rick Scott signed HB 7069 which provides nearly \$419 million to Florida's K-12 education system, expands teacher bonuses, increases funding for the Gardiner Scholarship for students with unique abilities and ensures Florida's students can get a great education at the school of their choice. Additionally, during the recent Special Legislative Session called by Governor Scott, the Legislature allocated the highest per student K-12 funding in state history, increasing funding by \$100 per student.

Governor Scott said, "Today, I am proud to sign legislation that expands the Gardiner Scholarship program to help support even more students with unique abilities and provides nearly \$234 million in bonuses for Florida's incredible public school teachers. This legislation, combined with the historic \$100 per student increase in funding I called for during the special session, will put all of Florida's students on a pathway toward success.

"When I was growing up, I had access to a good quality education, and every Florida child should have the same opportunity. Florida's K-12 education system is so important to the future of our children and our state, and we will never stop looking for ways to improve how our students learn and achieve."

Florida House of Representatives Speaker Richard Corcoran said, "Today is a great day for the students of Florida. Today is also a great day for parents and teachers who care deeply about our kids. Today is not a good day for the status quo or for those who accept failure as part of the system. I thank the Governor for his courage and his commitment to the hopes and dreams of the next generation. I look forward to working with him to make the promise of HB 7069 a reality."

Former Senate President Andy Gardiner said, "Providing educational opportunities,

resources and services to Floridians with unique abilities is so important in helping these individuals lead successful and independent lives. My wife Camille and I are proud to have Governor Scott sign this legislation today expanding the Gardiner Scholarship so that more children with unique abilities can receive a great education in Florida.”

Since taking office, Governor Scott has focused on ensuring that Florida’s children receive a quality education in K-12 public schools. Over the past six years, state funding for Florida’s K-12 public schools has increased by nearly \$3 billion or 34 percent from a total amount of \$8.7 billion in Fiscal Year 2011 to \$11.7 billion in this year’s Fighting for Florida’s Future budget.

Governor Scott is also a strong supporter of school choice. Along with expanding virtual education to all Florida students, the legislation signed by Governor Scott today continues the Governor’s commitment to supporting school choice for students across the state. Since taking office, Governor Scott has signed legislation providing flexibility and more than \$450 million in funding to Florida’s high performing charter schools, allowing these schools to grow and serve more students.

To view the transmittal letter, click [HERE](#).

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From: Schutz, Jackie
To: [Dickerson, Currie](#); [Wyland, Kerri](#)
Cc: [Sunburst](#)
Subject: alert
Date: Thursday, January 15, 2015 11:33:50 AM



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From the staff of the Tampa Bay Times

Scott to propose bump in charter-school spending



[Kathleen McGrory, Times/Herald Tallahassee Bureau](#)

Thursday, January 15, 2015 11:05am

Gov. **Rick Scott** wants to give charter schools \$100 million for construction and maintenance. He will make the announcement Thursday while visiting Sports Leadership and Management Academy charter school in Miami. The school is run by the for-profit management company Academica, and counts the rapper **Pitbull** among its founders.

The current state budget includes \$75 million for charter-school construction.

Charter schools receive public funding, but are run by private governing boards.

Earlier in the week, Scott said he would like to see lawmakers increase the statewide K-12 education budget from \$18.9 billion to \$19.74 billion. His recommendation includes \$7,716 per student, a record high not accounting for inflation.

He is expected to release the rest of his budget proposal later this month.

[Last modified: Thursday, January 15, 2015 11:05am]

From: Schutz, Jackie
To: [Press](#)
Cc: [Sunburst](#)
Subject: please send now
Date: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 10:21:57 AM

Gov. Scott Signs Legislation to Reduce Tests

TALLAHASSEE – Today, Governor Rick Scott signed House Bill 7069, which reduces the amount of tests Florida students take.

Governor Scott said, “This legislation reduces the number of tests our students take, including the 11th grade English Language Arts test that we eliminated this year through an Executive Order in February. I agree with many teachers and parents who say we have too many tests, and while this legislation is a great step forward, we will keep working to make sure Florida students are not over tested.

“This legislation also improves our teacher evaluation system, which will ensure we have the best teachers in our classrooms. I want to thank Senator Legg and Representative O’Toole for championing this legislation and I applaud the Florida Legislature for quickly putting it into law to better serve our students.”

From: Schutz, Jackie
To: [Lewis, McKinley](#)
Cc: [Sunburst](#)
Subject: qa
Date: Friday, June 2, 2017 1:48:00 AM

Q: Are you going to sign Corcoran's education bill and the President's higher ed bill?

- I appreciate that the President and the Speaker championed education policies this year.
- I have been carefully reviewing both HB 7069 and SB 374 and I appreciate the hard work the President, Speaker and all the members put into these bills.
- I believe we are on a pathway where we can have a victory for all of Florida's students and parents.

Q: So does that mean you will sign these bills?

- I am still reviewing both bills but I believe we are on a pathway where all of Florida's students can win.

Q: How did you come to an agreement?

- I have fought for jobs since my first day in office and I have no intentions to ever stop.
- I learned in business that sometimes people have different viewpoints but share the same goal.
- The President and the Speaker share my goal of growing Florida jobs and I am glad that we have come together to help Florida families and students.

Q: Both the Speaker and President have supported a special session for medical marijuana...why didn't you add medical marijuana to the special session call?

- I know that the Speaker and President have been working through this. I'll support the legislature if they add it to the call.

Q: You said the budget was done in secret and the legislature did backroom deals. How are you suddenly ok with this?

- I have been very clear about what I care about: Funding for jobs and funding for tourism marketing. I have been very consistent.
- I went line by line through the budget, and with the funding I vetoed, we need to provide more for our public school students. I am glad we all came to agreement on how to get this done.

Q: Aren't you concerned state colleges were cut?

- When I got out of the Navy, I went to community college while Ann worked.
- I have consistently fought to increase funds for colleges and ensure students had access to 10k degrees.
- I am hopeful we can come back next session and fund state colleges higher. I know I will recommended that in my budget.

Q: Why didn't you include colleges (OR INSERT ANY TOPIC) in your call?

- I know there are so many important priorities, but I have been very clear I am fighting for jobs.
- And the new Florida Job Growth Grant will fund workforce training programs at state colleges.

Q: You went to many members' districts and said they don't care about jobs. How do

you rectify that?

- We have worked hard to come together and get a win for families. I am glad we have made progress.

Q: So how did you get this deal done without any noticed meetings?

- Our staff have been working on this. I am glad we got to an agreement.

Q: What is your response to the President backing out of the Paris Agreement?

- The President of the United States needs to look out for Americans, and what is good for Americans. Period. That's his responsibility,
- As you may know, I ran for office in order to get Florida back into the win column in job creation.
- The Paris Accords were very clearly going to hurt jobs in the United States. This is not realistically a disputable fact.
- We should never sign any agreement with any other country that will hurt American jobs.

From: Allison Liby-Schoonover
To: McDougal, Kim
Subject: testing concerns from Seminole County
Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2015 5:57:38 PM

Kim,

I hope this email finds you well. It is my understanding that my client, Amy Lockhart, Vice Chair of the Seminole County School Board spoke with you earlier today. As a follow up I wanted to send you a copy of her editorial for your reference.

<http://www.orlandosentinel.com/opinion/os-ed-school-assessments-myword-040515-20150406-story.html>

The School Board of Seminole County is grateful for last fall's executive order and extremely grateful for the Governor's quick action in signing HB 7069.

Thank you,
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